

April 12, 1978

	1976	1977	1978 ^P	1977				1978 ^P				1979 ^P	
				I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II
1. <u>GNP NET EXPORTS</u> - Intl Acct. data	7.8	-10.3	-13.9	-7.9	-8.8	-6.8	-17.6	-18.9	-13.8	-10.6	-12.4	-11.7	-12.1
2. (GNP net exports - GNP Acct. data) <u>1/</u>	(7.8)	(-10.9)	(-14.5)	(-8.2)	(-9.7)	(-7.5)	(-18.2)	(-19.5)	(-14.4)	(-11.2)	(-13.0)	(-12.3)	(-12.7)
3. a) Merchandise Trade Balance	-9.3	-31.2	-37.2	-28.6	-30.6	-30.2	-35.5	-41.3	-36.6	-34.3	-36.7	-37.1	-37.9
4. Exports (excl. military)	114.7	120.5	132.3	117.8	122.6	123.5	118.0	121.5	129.5	136.5	141.6	149.4	153.9
5. Agricultural	23.4	24.4	24.5	24.4	26.7	24.0	22.3	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	25.0	25.0
6. Nonagricultural	91.3	96.1	107.8	93.4	95.9	99.5	95.6	97.0	105.0	112.0	117.1	124.4	128.9
7. Imports	124.0	151.7	169.5	146.4	153.2	153.7	153.5	162.8	166.1	170.8	178.3	186.5	191.8
8. Petroleum and petrol. products	34.6	44.7	44.3	44.1	47.5	45.8	41.6	40.8	43.1	45.4	47.9	51.2	51.5
9. Nonpetroleum	89.4	107.0	125.2	102.3	105.7	107.9	111.9	122.0	123.0	125.4	130.4	135.3	140.3
10. b) Military transactions, net <u>2/</u>	--	1.0	2.0	1.7	.8	1.8	-.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
11. c) Investment income, net <u>3/</u>	14.3	17.4	18.7	17.6	18.9	18.2	15.2	17.9	18.3	19.1	19.7	20.6	21.0
12. d) Other services, net <u>4/</u>	2.7	2.5	2.6	1.4	2.2	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8
13. <u>U.S. CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>	-1.4	-20.2	-26.5	-17.1	-18.3	-17.3	-28.1	-30.9	-26.4	-23.3	-25.4	-25.6	-26.2
14. a) GNP net exports (line 1.)	7.8	-10.3	-13.9	-7.9	-8.8	-6.8	-17.6	-18.9	-13.8	-10.6	-12.4	-11.7	-12.1
15. b) U.S. Govt & private transfers <u>5/</u>	-9.2	-9.9	-12.6	-9.2	-9.5	-10.5	-10.5	-12.0	-12.6	-12.7	-13.0	-13.9	-14.1
<u>Constant (1972) dollars</u>													
16. Merchandise exports (excl. military)	66.7	66.9	68.4	66.1	67.8	68.7	65.1	64.8	67.7	70.0	71.2	73.7	74.9
17. (% change, annual rates)	(3.4)	(0.3)	(2.2)	(-7.4)	(10.8)	(5.3)	(-22.5)	(-1.6)	(18.8)	(14.3)	(7.4)	(14.3)	(6.6)
18. Merchandise imports	62.8	71.1	72.1	70.3	71.9	71.2	70.9	71.8	71.5	71.7	73.4	75.2	76.2
19. (% change, annual rates)	(22.5)	(13.2)	(1.4)	(28.2)	(9.1)	(-4.1)	(-1.6)	(5.3)	(-1.6)	(1.2)	(10.0)	(10.0)	(5.3)
<u>Foreign Outlook - Major Industrial Countries <u>6/</u></u>													
20. Real GNP, % change, annual rates	5.2	2.9	3.7	6.1	0	0.8	3.7	4.9	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.5
21. Wholesale Prices, % change, A.R. <u>7/</u>	9.4	8.7	4.7	10.4	7.4	3.7	2.8	4.5	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.1

1/ Differs from Intl. Acct. data (line 1) in the inclusion of revisions and new data.

2/ Excludes grants to Israel under military assistance acts and exports financed by those grants.

3/ Excludes U.S. Govt. interest payments to foreigners, which are included in line 15.

4/ Includes travel, transportation, fees and royalties, and miscellaneous other service transactions.

5/ Includes U.S. Govt. grants, U.S. Govt. interest payments to foreigners, remittances and pensions, and exports to Israel financed by U.S. military assistance grants.

6/ Weighted by the shares of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United Kingdom in the sum of the real GNP of the six countries in dollar terms.

7/ Data are largely manufactured goods prices.

P/ Projected

E/ Estimated

* Published data.

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CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

**By the Staff
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SECURITY OFFERINGS
(Monthly totals or monthly averages, in millions of dollars)

	1977		1978				
	QIII	QIV	QI ^{e/}	Feb. ^{e/}	Mar. ^{e/}	Apr. ^{f/}	May ^{f/}
<u>Gross offerings</u>							
Corporate securities--total	3,717	4,942	2,973	2,550	3,700	3,400	3,300
Publicly offered bonds	2,072	1,955	1,467	1,300	1,900	2,100	1,700
By quality ^{1/}							
Aaa and Aa	1,055	1,010	725	900	650	--	--
Less than Aa ^{2/}	1,017	945	742	400	1,250	--	--
By type of borrower							
Utility	575	660	468	165	675	--	--
Industrial ^{3/}	907	490	490	460	525	--	--
Financial	590	805	509	675	700	--	--
Privately placed bonds	1,019	1,713	867	800	1,000	800	800
Stocks	626	1,274	617	450	800	600	800
Foreign securities--total	744	482	530	9	1,160	--	--
Publicly offered ^{4/}	520	342	425	--	950	200	450
Privately placed	224	140	105	9	210	--	--
State and local govt. securities--total	5,465	4,812	4,888	4,300	5,800	7,200	5,400
Long-term	3,748	3,595	3,433	2,800	4,300	3,200	3,400
Short-term	1,717	1,217	1,455	1,500	1,500	4,000	2,000
<u>Net offerings</u>							
U.S. Treasury	3,800	7,167	7,200	7,200	12,900	-11,800	6,000
Sponsored Federal agencies	448	554	1,724	2,087	2,447	1,136	2,333

^{1/} Bonds categorized according to Moody's bond ratings.

^{2/} Includes issues not rated by Moody's.

^{3/} Includes equipment trust certificates.

^{4/} Classified by original offering date.

^{e/} Estimated.

^{f/} Forecast.

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