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CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

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THE DOMESTIC NONFINANCIAL ECONOMY Consumer Sentiment

According to the preliminary report, the Michigan SRC index of consumer sentiment held at an extremely favorable level in early December. The sub-index of current conditions remained in a very positive range, and the sub-index of expected conditions was about unchanged at its highest value since the current expansion began.

Among questions not included in the overall index, the index of the expected change in unemployment over the coming year rose somewhat, although its level is still well below the average for the first half of 1996. Both the car and home buying conditions indexes remain in generally favorable ranges, although a few more households reported that now is a bad time to buy because prices and interest rates are high.

The mean and median values of expected inflation over the coming year held steady at 4 percent and 3 percent, respectively. The mean value of expected inflation over the next five to ten years moved up 0.1 percentage point to 3.8 percent; the median value was unchanged at 3 percent.

Business Inventories

Retail inventories rose at an annual rate of \$24.7 billion (book value) in October; excluding auto dealers, the retail inventory accumulation in October was \$16.2 billion, about the same as the rate of increase during the third quarter. With a 0.3 percent rise in retail sales, the inventory-sales ratio for the retail trade sector was unchanged at 1.52 months in October. After moving up at midyear to the middle of its range in recent years, the ratio for non-auto retail trade has been little changed.

Inventories expanded at most types of retail establishments in October; lumber and building supply stores were the only category where inventories edged down in that month. For the broad range of stores in general merchandise, apparel, and furniture and appliance (GAF) stores, the buildup in inventories picked up significantly in October after little net change during the preceding two months. Although the inventory-sales ratio for GAF stores edged up in October, after trending up since May, the October level of this ratio was still near the low end of the most recent three-year

range. For most types of retail stores, inventory-sales ratios in October were well below their recent highs observed last autumn.

For all manufacturing and trade excluding motor vehicles, inventory accumulation picked up in October to an annual rate of \$43.1 billion--almost twice the rate of increase during the third quarter. The more rapid accumulation in October was mainly the result of buildups in wholesale inventories, especially inventories of farm products, following sizable drawdowns in the third quarter. With shipments and sales rising 0.3 percent, the inventory-sales ratio for all manufacturing and trade excluding motor vehicles was unchanged at 1.36 months in October, the lowest point in recent years.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER: SURVEY OF CONSUMER ATTITUDES
(Not seasonally adjusted)

	1996 Apr	1996 May	1996 Jun	1996 Jul	1996 Aug	1996 Sep	1996 Oct	1996 Nov	1996 Dec (p)
Indexes of consumer sentiment (Feb. 1966=100)									
Composite of current and expected conditions	92.7	89.4	92.4	94.7	95.3	94.7	96.5	99.2	98.9
Current conditions	107.8		105.4		107.8	102.0	106.6	107.5	107.3
Expected conditions	83.0	79.2	84.0	86.5	87.3	90.1	89.9	93.9	93.7
Personal financial situation Now compared with 12 months ago*	118	114	118	115	119	109	115	121	116
Expected in 12 months*	127	122	128	129	129	130	127	133	134
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expected business conditions									
Next 12 months*	118	110	117	122	120	127	131	137	132
Next 5 years*	88	86	93	97	102	105	103	108	111
ppraisal of buying conditions									
Cars	125	127	137	138	139	134	132	135	134
Large household appliances*	162	159	155	164	161	155	161	158	161
Houses	157	159	153	161	158	149	159	157	154
fillingness to use credit	45	37	54	38	45	40	37	43	4.6
dillingness to use savings	64	64	66	67	60	62	62	70	69
xpected unemployment change - next 12 months	124	121	123	115	114	112	114	110	114
xpected inflation - next 12 months									
Mean	4.5	4.9	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0
Median	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0
expected inflation - next 5 to 10 years									
Mean	4.1	4.8	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.1	4.2	3.7	3.8
Median	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0

^{* --} Indicates the question is one of the five equally-weighted components of the index of sentiment.

⁽p) -- Preliminary

⁽f) -- Final

Note: Figures on financial, business, and buying conditions are the percent reporting 'good times' (or 'better') minus the percent reporting 'bad times' (or 'worse'), plus 100. Expected change in unemployment is the fraction expecting unemployment to rise minus the fraction expecting unemployment to fall.

CHANGES IN MANUFACTURING AND TRADE INVENTORIES (Billions of dollars at annual rates; based on seasonally adjusted data)

		1996			1996	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Book value basis			-			
Total	16.7	13.2	36.4	36.4	11.9	59.1
Excluding wholesale and						
retail motor vehicles	25.0	6.0	22.0	18.5	8.5	43.1
Manufacturing	12.3	-6.2	11.3	14.9	12.2	14.5
Excluding aircraft	6.3	-10.7	8.6	12.5	7.1	11.7
Wholesale	7.3	11.3	-9.2	-3.3	-22.4	19.8
Excluding motor vehicles	7.3	7.6	-6.1	9	-13.4	12.5
Retail	-2.9	8.2	34.3	24.8	22.1	24.7
Auto dealers	-8.4	3.5	17.5	20.3	12.4	8.6
Excluding auto dealers	5.5	4.6	16.8	4.5	9.7	16.2
Chained (1992) dollars basis						
Total	-5.4	7.9	29.3	13.1	14.5	n.a.
Excluding motor vehicles	17.5	1.9	23.5	14.4	10.7	n.a.
Manufacturing	12.0	-3.9	12.5	7.9	14.0	n.a.
Wholesale	3.8	6.5	-8.5	3.2	-27.9	n.a.
Excluding motor vehicles	4.0	3.3	-4.4	4.5	-15.5	n.a.
Retail	-21.7	5.2	25.5	2.0	28.7	n.a.
Auto dealers	-23.6	2.0	10.8	.2	16.9	n.a.
Excluding auto dealers	3.0	3.2	14.6	1.9	11.5	n.a.

INVENTORIES RELATIVE TO SALES (Months' supply; based on seasonally adjusted data)

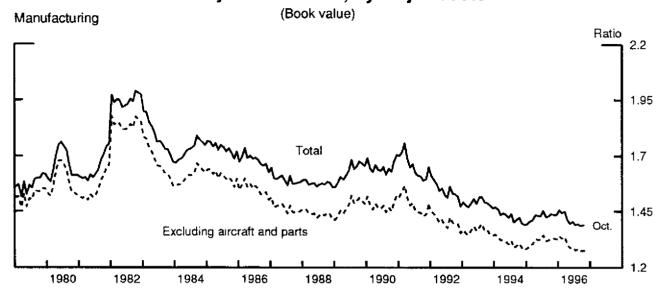
		1996			1996	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Book value basis						
Total	1.43	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.39	1.40
Excluding wholesale and						
retail motor vehicles	1.40	1.37	1.36	1.37	1.36	1.36
Manufacturing	1.45	1.40	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39
Excluding aircraft	1.34	1.29	1.28	1.28	1.27	1.27
Wholesale	1.32	1.31	1.28	1.29	1.28	1.28
Excluding motor vehicles	1.30	1.28	1.25	1.26	1.25	1.25
Retail	1.49	1.49	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52
Auto dealers	1.66	1.70	1.78	1.76	1.76	1.77
Excluding auto dealers	1.44	1.42	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44
Chained (1992) dollars basis						
Total	1.38	1.36	1.35	1.35	1.35	n.a.
Excluding motor vehicles	1.36	1.33	1.32	1.33	1.32	n.a.
Manufacturing	1.39	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.34	n.a.
Wholesale	1.35	1.34	1.31	1.33	1.30	n.a.
Excluding motor vehicles	1.33	1.31	1.28	1.29	1.28	n.a.
Retail	1.37	1.37	1.40	1.39	1.39	n.a.
Auto dealers	1.54	1.57	1.62	1.56	1.57	n.a.
Excluding auto dealers	1.34	1.33	1.35	1.34	1.35	n.a.

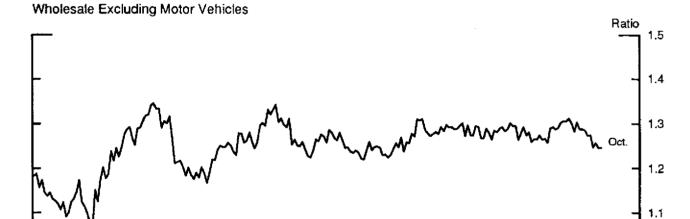
Note. Ratio of end-of-period inventories to average monthly sales for the period.

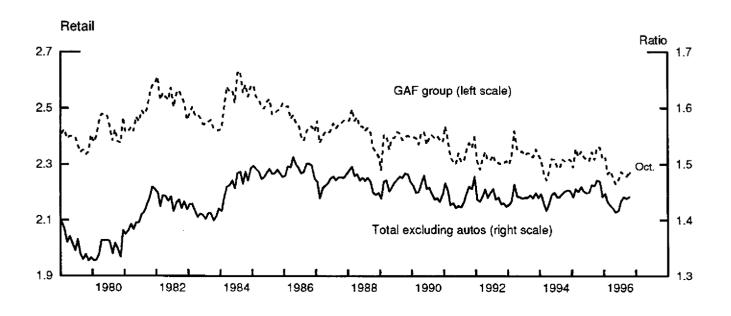
SELECTED INVENTORY-SALES RATIOS (Months' supply, based on Census book-value data, seasonally adjusted)

	Cyc1				
		e points		over	_
	1990-91	1994-95		12 months	October
	High	Low	High 	Low	1996
Manufacturing and trade	1.58	1.40	1.45	1.39	1.40
Less wholesale and retail					
motor vehicles	1.55	1.37	1.41	1.36	1.36
Manufacturing	1,75	1,39	1.46	1.39	1.39
Primary metals	2.08	1.45	1.62	1.55	1.59
Nonelectrical machinery	2.48	1.88	1.94	1.80	1.83
Electrical machinery	2.08	1.52	1.60	1.51	1.50
Transportation equipment	2.94	1.59	1.87	1.65	1.74
Motor vehicles	. 97	. 53	. 67	. 55	.58
Aircraft	5.85	4.42	5.95	4.89	5.44
Nondefense capital goods	3.09	2.33	2.58	2.39	2.45
Textile	1.71	1.44	1.66	1.49	1.57
Petroleum	. 94.	. 88	. 89	. 79	.75
Home goods & apparel	1.96	1.70	1.89	1.70	1.72
Merchant wholesalers	1.36	1.28	1.34	1.28	1.28
Less motor vehicles	1.31	1.26	1.31	1.25	1.25
Durable goods	1.83	1.54	1.64	1.58	1.59
Nondurable goods	. 96	.98	1.03	. 95	.96
Retail trade	1.61	1.46	1.56	1.48	1.52
Less automotive dealers	1.48	1.42	1.47	1.41	1.44
Automotive dealers	2.21	1.60	1.82	1.64	1.77
General merchandise	2.43	2.21	2.33	2.20	2.26
Apparel	2.56	2.47	2.65	2.35	2.42
G.A.F.	2.44	2.24	2.36	2.23	2.27

Inventory-Sales Ratios, by Major Sector







Item	1996 Q4	1997 Q1	1997 Q2	1997 Q3	1997 Q4	1998 Q1	1998 Q2	1998 Q3	1998 Q4	96 Q4 / 95Q4	97Q4/ 96Q4	98Q4 97Q4
Real GDP	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.8	2.3	1.9
Gross dom. purchases	1.9	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.0	3.5	2.8	2.2
Final sales	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.2	1.9
Priv. dom. final purchases	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.9	2.6	2.2
Personal cons. expenditures	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.5
Durables	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2
Nondurables	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4
Services	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0,8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.8
Business fixed investment	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.7
Producers' dur. equip.	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7
Nonres, structures	0.2	~0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	- Q . G	0.0
Residential structures	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.0	0.0
Net exports	0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1	~0.7	-0.5	-0.3
Exports	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.3	1.2	0.6	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.8
Imports	-0.9	~1.3	-1.3	-1.0	-1.5	-0.8	-1-4	-0.9	-1.4	-1.2	-1.3	-1.1
Government cons. & invest.	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0
Federal	-0.3	~0.5	-0.1	-0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.3
Defense	-0.2	-0.5	-0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Nondefense	-0.1	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.0	-0.0	-0.2	0 1	-0.1	-0.1
State and local	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Change in bus. inventories	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Nonfarm	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	~0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.0	-0.0
Farm	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
GDP residual	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	~0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0

Components may not sum to total due to rounding.

ten	1995 Q4	1996 Q1	1996 Q2	1996 Q3	1996 Q4	1997 Q1	1997 Q2	1997 Q3	1997 Q4	95 <u>04</u> / 94 <u>0</u> 4	96 Q4 / 95 Q4	97Q4/ 96Q4
eal GDP	0.3	2.0	4.7	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.2	1.3	2.8	2.3
Gross dom. purchases	-0.7	3.1	5.3	3.7	1.9	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.6	1.0	3.5	2.8
Final sales	1.4	3.0	4.1	0.5	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.6	2.2
Priv. dom. final purchases	1.2	3.9	3.4	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.4	1.8	2.9	2.6
Personal cons. expenditures	0.7	2.4	2.3	0.4	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.8	2.0
Durables	-0.1	0.7	0.9	-0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4
Nondurables	-0.1	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	o.
Services	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.
Business fixed investment	0.2	1.1	0.4	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.
Producers' dur, equip.	0.2	0.9	0.5	1.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.9	ó.
Nonres, structures	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.
Residential structures	0.2	0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.
Net exports	0.9	-1.1	-0.6	-1.4	0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.8	~ O.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.
Exports	1.1	0.2	0.6	- O . 2	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.3	1.2	G.B	0.5	0.
Imports	-0.2	-1.3	-1.2	-1.3	-Q.B	-1.3	-1.3	-1.0	-1.5	~0.5	-1.2	-l.
Government cons. & invest.	-0.8	0.3	1.4	-0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.3	0.4	٥.
Federal	-0.9	0.4	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	-0.
Defense	-0.6	0.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-Q.5	-0.0	0.0	0.1	⊸ 0.3	0.0	-0.
Nondefense	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
State and local	0.2	-0.1	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Change in bus. inventories	-1.0	-1.0	0.5	1.7	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.0	-0.6	0.2	0.0
Nonfarm	-1.2	-0.9	0.5	1.4	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	-0.0
Parm	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
GDP residual	-0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

Components may not sum to total due to rounding.

		Fiscal	year ⁵				1996				1997			1	998		_
Item	1995ª	1996ª	1997	1998	Q1ª	Q2ª	Q3Þ	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	····
UNIFIED BUDGET									Not	season	ally ad	justed					_
Receipts ¹ Outlays ¹ Surplus/deficit ¹ On-budget Off-budget Surplus excluding deposit insurance ² Means of financing	1355 1519 -164 -226 62 -182	1453 1560 -107 -174 67 -116	1525 1637 -112 -181 68 -120	1575 1692 -117 -190 73	322 393 -72 -84 12	446 392 54 14 39	362 395 -33 -36 2	353 412 -59 -67 8 -65	333 413 -80 -93 13 -81	459 405 54 13 41 53	379 407 -28 -34 6	364 424 -60 -69 9	345 420 -75 -88 13 -75	474 426 48 4 44	392 423 -31 -37 7	384 435 -51 -63 12 -52	
Borrowing Cash decrease Other ³	171 -2 -5	130 -6 -16	126 4 -18	146 0 -29	80 -1 -7	-23 -16 -14	39 -6 0	43 13 3	80 11 -12	-35 -15 -5	37 -5 -4	46 10 3	82 10 -18	-30 -15 -3	47 -5 -12	25 10 16	
Cash operating balance, end of period	38	44	40	40	22	38	44	32	50	35	40	30	20	35	40	30	
NIPA FEDERAL SECTOR					ļ				Seasona.	lly adj	adjusted, annual rate						_
Receipts Expenditures Consumption expend. Defense Nondefense Other expenditures Current account surplus Gross investment Current and capital	1459 1629 455 304 151 1175 -171 65	1544 1683 458 303 155 1226 -139 63	1626 1749 461 302 159 1288 -123 62	1683 1798 462 305 158 1335 -115 61	1523 1678 454 299 155 1225 -155 65	1576 1702 463 307 156 1239 -127 66	1583 1704 462 305 157 1242 -120 64	1625 1727 461 303 157 1266 -102 63	1610 1741 459 301 159 1282 -131 61	1626 1756 461 301 159 1296 -130 61	1643 1771 463 303 160 1308 -128 62	1660 1783 463 306 157 1320 -123 63	1671 1792 463 306 157 1329 -121 62	1690 1802 461 303 158 1341 -112 61	1709 1814 463 304 159 1352 -106 61	1728 1828 459 302 156 1369 -100 60	ı
account surplus FISCAL INDICATORS4	-236	-202	100	-1//	220	-133	-104	-103	192	-191	-190	-190	-102	-172	-166	-100	9
High-employment (HEB) surplus/deficit Change in HEB, percent of potential GDP Fiscal impetus (FI),	-263 0	-236 4	-242 .1	+245 0	-246 .1	-233 2	-230 0	-217 2	-247 .4	-250 0	-254 0	-253 0	-250 0	-241 1	-236 1	-230 1	
percent, cal. year	-5.6	-1.7	-3.4	-5.5	1.3	1.8	2	-1.5	-1,9	2	0	-2,4	-1.9	-1.4	4	-2	

^{1.} OMB's July 1996 deficit estimates (assuming the enactment of the President's proposals) are \$126 billion in FY97 and \$94 billion in FY98. CBO'S April 1996 baseline deficit estimates are \$171 billion in FY97 and \$194 billion in FY98. Budget receipts, outlays, and surplus/deficit include corresponding Social Security (OASDI) categories. The OASDI surplus is excluded from the on-budget deficit and shown separately as off-budget, as classified under current law. The Postal Service deficit is included in off-budget outlays beginning in FY90.

^{2.} OMB's July 1996 deficit estimates (assuming the enactment of the President's proposals), excluding deposit insurance spending, are \$134 billion in FY97 and \$96 billion in FY98. CBO'S April 1996 baseline deficit estimates, excluding deposit insurance, are \$175 billion in FY97 and \$196 billion in FY98.

^{3.} Other means of financing are checks issued less checks paid, accrued items, and changes in other financial assets and liabilities.

^{4.} HEB is the NIPA current and capital account surplus in current dollars, with cyclically sensitive receipts and outlays adjusted to the level of potential output generated by 1.8 percent real growth and an associated unemployment rate of 6 percent. Quarterly figures for change in HEB and FI are not at annual rates. Change in HEB, as a percent of nominal potential GDP, is reversed in sign. FI is the weighted difference of discretionary changes in federal spending and taxes (in chained (1992) dollars), scaled by real federal consumption plus investment. For change in HEB and FI, negative values indicate restraint.

^{5.} Fiscal 1995 data for the unified budget come from OMB, fiscal 1996 and quarterly data come from the Monthly Treasury Statement and may not sum to OMB fiscal year totals.

a--Actual.

b--Preliminary.

THE FINANCIAL ECONOMY

Inflows into Equity Mutual Funds -- Update

As noted in Greenbook Part 2 (page III-5), preliminary data indicated that equity mutual funds experienced a small net outflow for the week ending December 4. Such preliminary data exclude reinvested dividends. More complete data for that week suggest that net inflows were slightly positive when reinvested dividends are included. Preliminary information for the week ending December 11 show larger outflows (excluding reinvested dividends).

Selected Financial Market Quotations¹

(Percent except as noted)

		1996			Change	to Dec. 12, 1	rom:
Instrument	Feb.	July	FOMC,*		Feb.	July	FOMC,
	low	high	Nov. 13	Dec. 12	low	high	Nov. 13
Short-term rates							
Federal funds ²	5.15	5.39	5.30	5.22	0.07	-0.17	-0.08
Treasury bills ³							
3-month 6-month 1-year	4.76 4.67 4.55	5.21 5.40 5.64	5.04 5.08 5.15	4.84 5.00 5.20	0.08 0.33 0.65	-0.37 -0.40 -0.44	-0.20 -0.08 0.05
Commercial paper							
1-month 3-month	5.27 5.12	5.50 5.59	5.37 5.40	5.59 5.44	0.32 0.32	0.09 -0.15	0.22 0.04
Large negotiable CDs3							
1-month 3-month 6-month	5.21 5.12 4.99	5.44 5.59 5.83	5.28 5.37 5.43	5.49 5.42 5.48	0.28 0.30 0.49	0.05 -0.17 -0.35	0.21 0.05 0.05
Eurodollar deposits ⁴							
1-month 3-month	5.13 5.13	5.38 5.56	5.20 5.38	5.44 5.44	0.31 0.31	0.06 -0.12	0.24 0.06
Bank prime rate	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intermediate- and Long-term Rates							
U.S. Treasury (constant maturity)							
3-year 10-year 30-year	4.98 5.58 6.02	6.62 7.06 7.19	5.84 6.19 6.44	5.98 6.40 6.64	1.00 0.82 0.62	-0.64 -0.66 -0.55	0.14 0.21 0.20
Municipal revenue (Bond Buyer) ⁵	5.67	6.24	5.92	5.93	0.26	-0.31	0.01
Corporate-A utility, recently offered	7.18	8.23	7.59	7.70	0.52	-0.53	0.11
High-yield corporate ⁶	9.57	10.36	9.78	9.74	0.17	-0.62	-0.04
Home mortgages ⁷							
FHLMC 30-yr fixed rate FHLMC 1-yr adjustable rate	6.94 5.19	8.42 6.01	7.67 5.56	7.57 5.52	0.63 0.33	-0.85 -0.49	-0.10 -0.04
	Record high		1996		Percentage c	hange to Dec	2. 12, from:
_		July	FOMC,*		Record	July	FOMC,

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			July	FOMC,*	I	Record	July	FOMC,	
Stock exchange index	Level	Date	low	Nov. 13	Dec. 12	high	low	Nov. 13	
Dow-Jones Industrial	6547.79	11/25/96	5346.55	6266.04	6303.71	-3.73	17.90	0.60	
NYSE Composite	398.86	11/25/96	336.07	386.18	384.29	-3.65	14.35	-0.49	
S&P 500 Composite	757.03	11/25/96	626.65	729.56	729.33	-3.66	16.39	-0.03	
NASDAQ (OTC)	1316.27	12/9/96	1042.37	1256.53	1298.33	-1.36	24.56	3.33	
Wilshire	7295.57	12/2/96	6099.34	7067.63	7091.58	-2.80	16.27	0.34	

^{1.} One-day quotes except as noted.

^{2.} Average for two-week reserve maintenance period closest to date shown. Last observation is the average to date for maintenance period ending December 18, 1996.

^{3.} Secondary market.

^{4.} Bid rates for Eurodollar deposits at 11 a.m. London time.

^{5.} Most recent observation based on one-day Thursday quote and futures market index changes.

^{6.} Merrill Lynch Master II high-yield bond index composite.

^{7.} Quotes for week ending Friday previous to date shown except most recent are figures for week ending December 13.

[•] Figures cited are as of the close on November 12.