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Robert White , a vice president and manager of corporate trade at First Interstate of California , agreed with that view and predicted the U.S. federal funds rate will drop to between 7 3/4 % and 8 % within 60 days from its current level at 8 13/16 % .

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Mr. White also predicted a half-point cut in the U.S. discount rate in the near future .

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He expects such a cut " because of problems in several sectors of the economy , particularly real estate and automobiles . "

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The drop marked the largest monthly tumble since a 19 1/2 % slide in January 1982 .

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In last month 's survey , a number of currency analysts predicted the dollar would be pressured by a narrowing of interest rate differentials between the U.S. and West Germany .

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Indeed , in early October the West German central bank raised its discount and Lombard rates by a full percentage point .

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Several other European central banks , notably in Britain , followed the West German Bundesbank 's lead by raising their own key rates .

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And a week later , Japan raised its official discount rate by a half point to 3.75 % .

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The Japanese discount rate is the central bank 's base rate on loans to commercial banks .

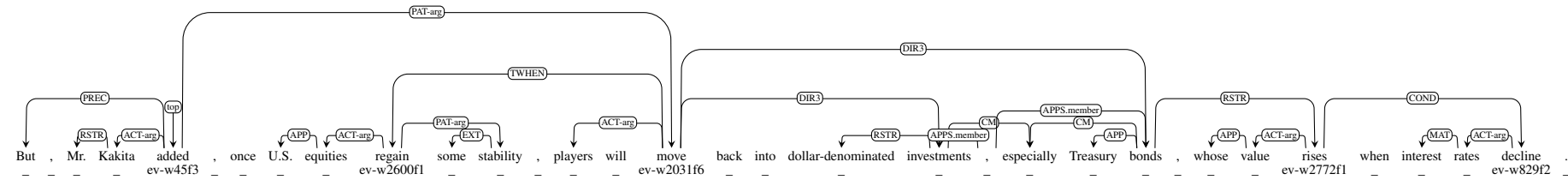
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G-7 consists of the U.S. , Japan , Britain , West Germany , Canada , France and Italy .

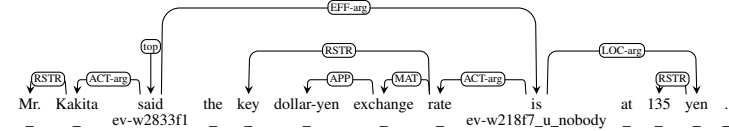
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Tomoshige Kakita , senior deputy manager in the treasury department of Misui Bank Ltd. in Tokyo , suggested that uncertainty about U.S. stocks and bonds has made Japanese investors leery of holding those securities in the near term , thus dampening dollar demand .

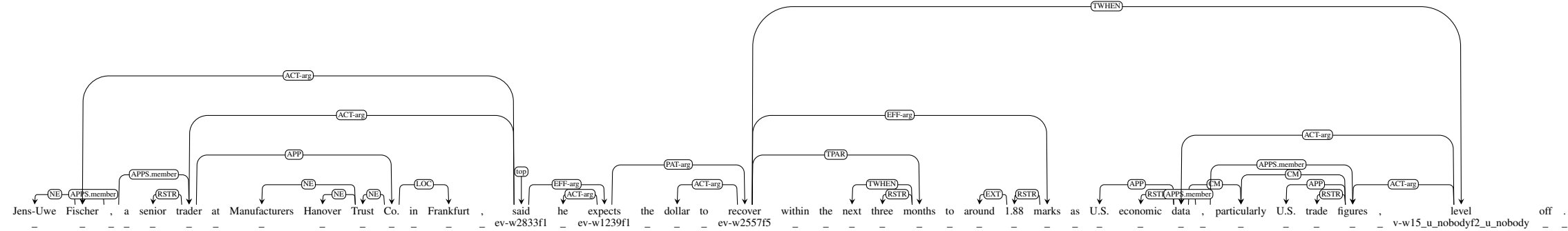
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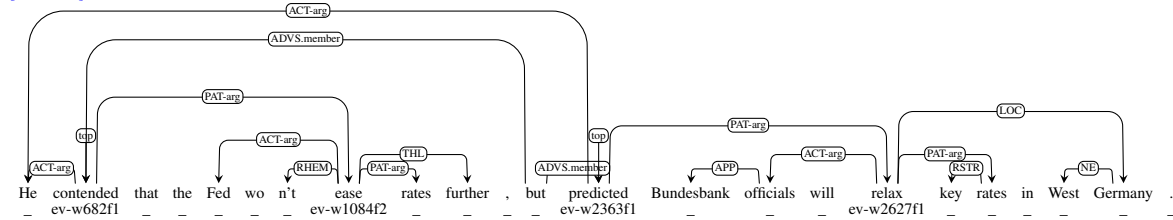
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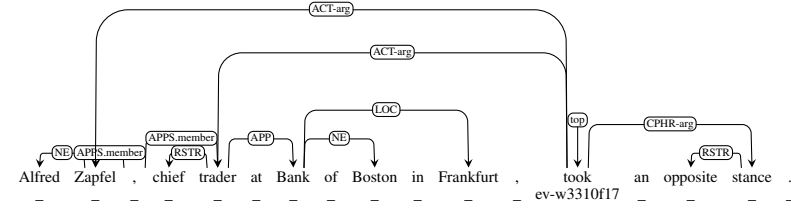
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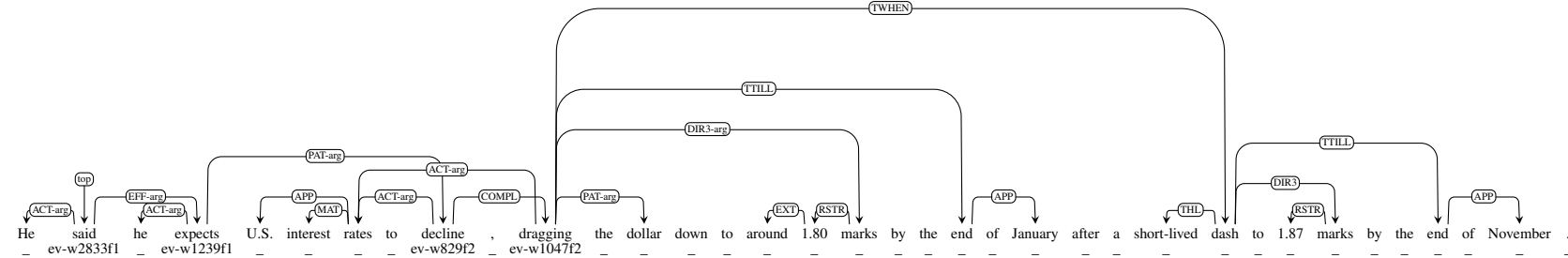
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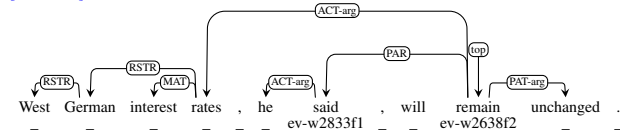
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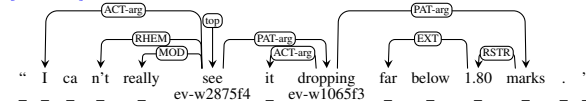
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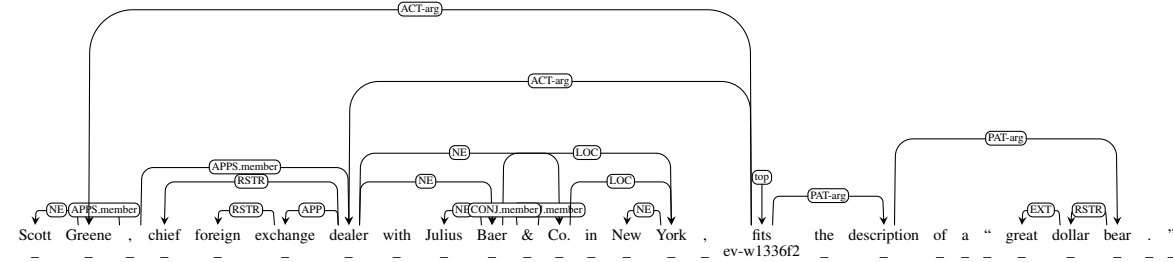
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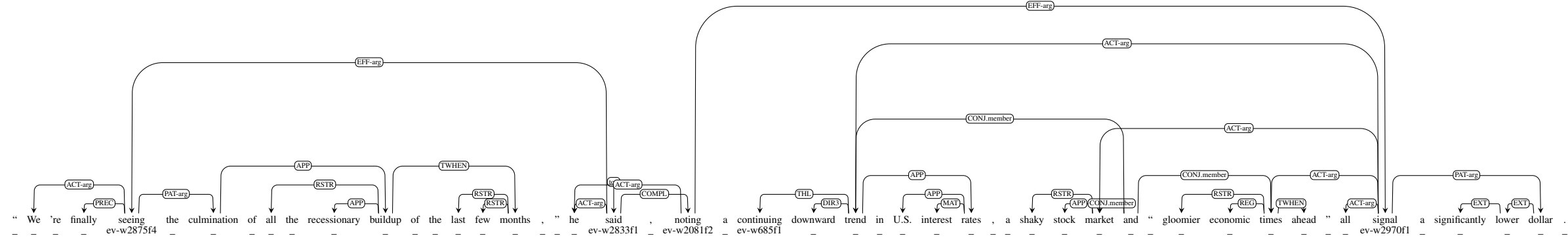
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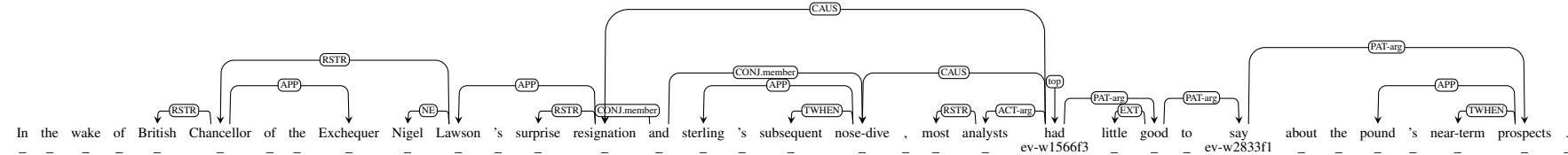
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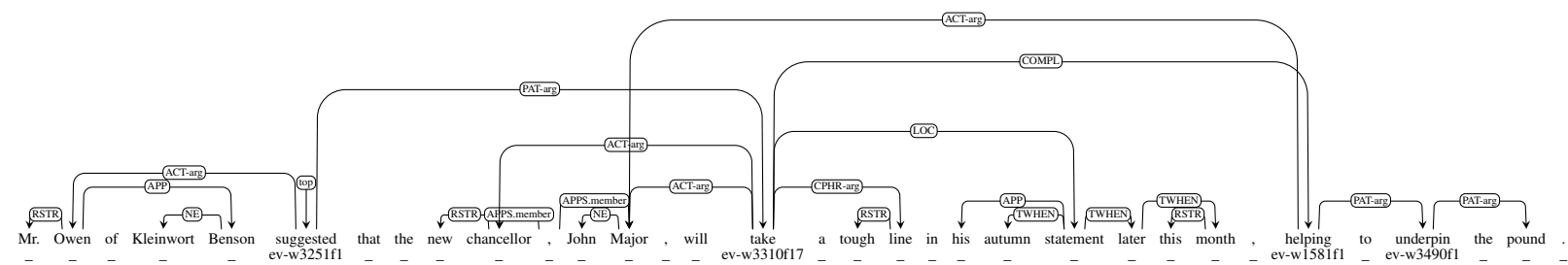
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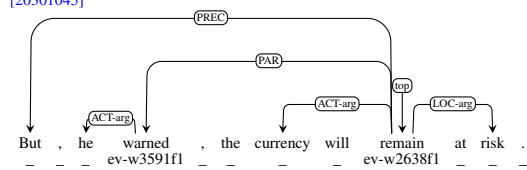
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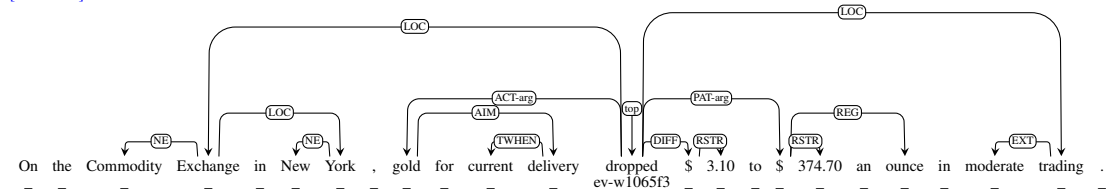
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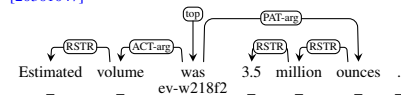
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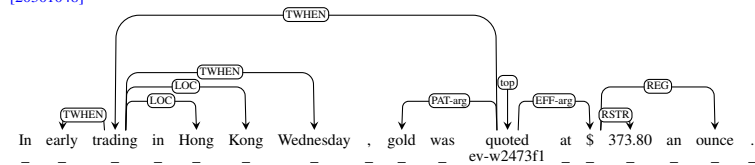
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