Document 0795 The U.S. economy grew at a moderate 2.5 % annual rate in the third quarter , the same pace as the second quarter , despite the worst trade performance in six years , the Commerce Department reported . q:i-h-h aze-p card:i-i-c n_cf:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h aze-p card:i-i-c n_cf:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h aze-i n_cf:x-i n rts of goods and services soared , while exports were flat . x-i _ n:x _ n:x _ v:e-i _ x:e-h-h _ n_of:x-i _ a:e-p _ Some economists found the mixture ominous q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-i-h q:i-h-h n_of:x-i a:e-u "For the past two years , the foreign trade sector has been a major contributor to economic growth p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p card:i-i-c n:x _ q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i ... v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i a:e-p n_of:x-i ... (ARG2) (ARG1) ARG2 business investment – which slowed in the third quarter , according to yesterday 's report – is expected to continue to be sluggish . n:x n:x _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c n_temp:x _ p:e-u-i p:e-u-i time_n:x _ n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-h _ v:e-i-h _ a:e-p _ A sharp reduction in inflation was by far the brightest spot in the report on the real gross national product – the inflation-adjusted market value of all the goods and services the economy produced . q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p _ (ARG1) An inflation gauge that measures the quarterly change in prices of an array of goods and services slowed its growth to a 2.9 % annual rate in the third quarter from 5 % in the second q:i-h-h n_of:x-i n:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c n_of:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h ord:i-i-c n



