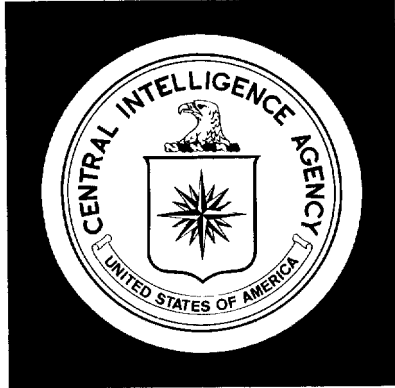


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USSR: ANOTHER GOOD YEAR FOR CROPS

We now estimate Soviet grain production in 1977 at 220 million tons, as does the US Department of Agriculture. This estimate, while slightly below the 1976 record harvest of 224 million tons, is well above the 1971-75 average of 181.5 million tons. If recent poor harvesting conditions continue, a downward adjustment in our estimate may be required. The outlook for major nongrain crops—potatoes, sugar beets, sunflower seeds, and cotton—is also good.

We expect the Soviets to continue to be active in international commodity markets, (a) purchasing 10 million to 15 million tons of grain for delivery in marketing year 1977/78, (b) exporting cotton, especially to hard currency countries, (c) possibly resuming limited sugar sales, but (d) not exporting vegetable oil.

Grain Production

Our current estimate of the grain harvest is at the low end of our early August forecast of 220 million to 225 million tons. The revision largely reflects adjustments in the projected harvested area.

We now project winter grain production at 67 million tons, down 5 million tons from our August forecast. Our new estimate nonetheless remains above the previous record of 63.5 million tons. Preliminary data from Moldavia and parts of the southern and western Ukraine continue to support the estimate of an unusually large winter grain harvest.

Spring grain production is tentatively put at 153 million tons. During August, spring grain prospects became considerably more uncertain. Excessive rainfall in the northern European USSR caused considerable localized flooding and almost certainly had an adverse effect on grain quality. In the Baltic republics and Belorussia, many farms have had to leave equipment in muddy fields and in some instances have resorted to hand harvesting to minimize losses. These harvesting delays will mean slightly lower yields.

East of the Ural Mountains in northern Kazakhstan and West Siberia—regions that account for about 60 percent of the spring wheat area—crop conditions also are

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complicated. Since mid-August, rain has caused a substantial lag in harvest operations in Kazakhstan and promoted growth of new plant stems, called secondary tillering. If killing frosts occur prior to mid-September, (a) the contribution of secondary tillers to final production will be minimal, (b) harvesting losses could increase because grain heads on the main stalk would be overripe, and (c) grain quality would deteriorate with the mixture of immature grain from the tillers.

As of 5 September about 37 million hectares of small grain and pulse crops, about 29 percent of the sown area, remained to be threshed for the USSR as a whole. Final production will be greatly dependent on prevailing harvest conditions through early October. If current "wet harvest" problems persist in the Baltic republics and northern Kazakhstan, an additional downward adjustment could be made both to projected total output and to the milling and breadmaking quality of wheat.

Nongrain Crops

The current outlook for the USSR's major nongrain crops is also favorable, with the value of output close to last year's level. As a group, these crops rival grain in their impact on agricultural production and on the country's net import position. Potatoes—an important food and feed crop—are a partial substitute for grain. Sunflower seeds and sugar beets supply three-quarters and four-fifths of the vegetable oil and sugar consumed yearly in the USSR, while cotton exports earn sizable amounts of hard currency.

In the European USSR, where most of the potatoes, sugar beets, and sunflowers are grown, an early spring and a warm, wet summer fostered crop development. Late spring frosts in some areas damaged fruit trees and potatoes, but overall the effect was apparently minor. Currently, heavy rainfall has left standing water in many fields in the western Ukraine and Belorussia, which may affect some crops, particularly potatoes. Because of this year's advanced development, harvesting of sugar beets and potatoes began earlier than usual, reducing the risk of loss from early frosts. Nevertheless, dryer weather is needed throughout the region during the next few weeks to avoid problems with plant disease and to minimize harvesting losses. An early winter would lower estimated production of most of the nongrain crops.

Potatoes: We estimate the 1977 harvest of potatoes, the USSR's most important nongrain crop, at 80 million to 85 million tons, close to last year's 85 million tons. Good yields are expected even though sown area for the second consecutive year is down roughly 10 percent from normal levels. The harvest started in late August and will continue into October. The prolonging of wet conditions, especially in the northwest, or an early winter could lower our estimate slightly.

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Sugar beets: This year's harvest of sugar beets should be greater than 90 million tons, possibly reaching last year's record level of almost 100 million tons. A little more than half of the sown area has been harvested, with preliminary weights reported high. The sugar content of the sugar beet as well as the yield remain sensitive to weather conditions. This year's wet conditions are expected to increase

USSR: Major Nongrain Crops

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	Estimate 1977
Index: 1970 = 100								
Net value of major nongrain crops ¹	100	97	88	115	98	97	102	102
Million Tons								
Production								
Potatoes	96.8	92.7	78.3	108.2	81.0	88.7	85.1	80-85
Sugar beets	78.9	72.2	76.4	87.0	77.9	66.3	99.1	90-100
Sunflower seeds	6.1	5.7	5.0	7.4	6.8	5.0	5.3	6½
Cotton	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.7	8.4	7.9	8.3	8½

¹Value of crops produced less seed and feed.

the weight of the beet but lower sugar content. With a good harvest likely, even a slightly-below-normal sugar content will allow the Soviets to achieve planned sugar output.

Sunflower seed: Production of sunflower seed could reach 6 1/2 million tons, up more than 20 percent from last year's poor crop, especially if dryer weather prevails during the rest of September. Presently there are few signs of the disease problems that contributed to the 1976 shortfall.

Cotton: A record cotton crop of 8 1/2 million tons is possible this year despite problems early in the growing season. About 400,000 hectares out of a total planting of 3 million hectares were resown, in large part due to heavy rains and floods in June. On balance, the rain was beneficial, however, replenishing reservoirs for the summer. Warm weather hastened crop development, and the harvest began early, reducing the risk from early frosts.

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Agricultural Trade

Soviet agricultural commodity trade during marketing year 1977/78 is likely to be similar to last year's pattern. Unless harvesting conditions deteriorate, this year's good crop prospects will allow the Soviets to (a) hold grain imports to 10 million to 15 million tons, (b) export large quantities of cotton, (c) possibly resume some sugar exports in 1978, and (d) trim meat imports.

Grain: Grain delivered on Soviet account in marketing year 1977/78 probably will fall between 10 million and 15 million tons. This compares with about 11 million tons delivered in 1976/77. Confirmed contracts to date amount to only 4 million tons—from the United States, Canada, Australia, and India. The size of US sales is the big unknown. Market sources contend that several million tons more than the minimum 6 million tons of wheat and corn required by the US-USSR long-term agreement have already been sold, but only 1.8 million tons have been registered with USDA. Even with a harvest as large as 220 million tons the Soviets could use these imports to continue stock rebuilding, to compensate for domestic wheat quality, and to allow the export of 4 million to 5 million tons of grain to traditional clients.

Cotton: The USSR in recent years has vied with the United States for primacy in the world cotton trade. This year is no exception. The Soviets should continue to expand exports to hard currency areas and restrict shipments to Eastern Europe. Earlier this year a market source reported that the Soviets were becoming "aggressive" cotton sellers in West European cotton purchasing centers. Current low world prices should not deter the Soviets from selling this year's large crop. Soviet cotton ginning continues for almost a year after the crop is harvested, allowing them to sell most of their crop in 1978, when prices are expected to rise.

Sugar: In the last several years poor sugar beet harvests or unusually low extraction rates have prevented the Soviets from exporting large amounts of refined sugar. In fact, the USSR has had to purchase raw sugar not only from its traditional supplier, Cuba, but also from other countries such as the Philippines and Brazil to maintain domestic consumption. Sugar refined from last year's harvest was supplemented by 600,000 tons of Philippine sugar plus a record amount of 3.6 million tons from Cuba. A good crop this year plus imports of perhaps 3 million tons from Cuba could allow Moscow to resume exporting refined sugar by mid-1978.

Meat: Since domestic meat supplies will improve this year because of larger feed supplies and greater livestock numbers, imports are likely to be down from last year. So far no contracts have been announced for 1977/78 delivery, although

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Moscow is talking with both Australia and New Zealand. A desire for cheaper prices, particularly for beef, seems to be holding the Soviets back.

Vegetable oil: The USSR is not expected to be a major supplier of sunflower seed oil this year. Production in excess of domestic needs will likely be used to rebuild inventories depleted because of two successive poor crops. At the same time, Moscow will continue to import small quantities of coconut, palm, and other edible oils. The USSR is not likely to supplement vegetable oil supplies with butter from the current EC "mountain"; the last purchase in March 1977 caused a furor in the Common Market and resulted in a change of rules whereby the Commission must know the product destination before approving the transaction. Furthermore, the Commission has agreed that no rebates will be granted on big butter deals, so Moscow's buying advantage has disappeared. (Confidential)

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INDIA: TURNAROUND IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL POSITION

India is now in a stronger international financial position than at any time in the country's history. The once large financial gap* has been at least temporarily eliminated thanks to an upsurge in private remittances, lower foodgrain imports, and rapid growth in exports, especially manufactured goods. Favorable crop prospects assure strong payments performance, at least through next year. This, combined with large foreign exchange reserves, increases the policy options of the coalition Janata government but does not necessarily provide a secure base for stepping up economic growth rates. The vast farm sector is still dominated by the monsoon; acceleration of nonagricultural growth would require more aggressive economic policies than pursued by postindependence Indian governments.

The Pre-1976 Record

The strong payments position India now enjoys is a marked break with the past. During the 1960s the current account deficit fluctuated between \$500 million and \$1.4 billion annually, depending on agricultural output and the volume of food imports. Government policies under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, although favoring export promotion, failed to insulate the payments balance from crop failures. Even during periods of good crops, massive foreign aid was needed to maintain required

*This article is the 12th in a series on the foreign financial gap faced by individual LDCs. In these articles, *financial gap* is defined as the current account deficit plus amortization of medium- and long-term debt. Previous articles, have covered Mexico, the Philippines, South Korea, Argentina, Brazil, Taiwan, Peru, Jamaica, Zaire, Chile, and Egypt.

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imports. Since 1967 donors have also regularly provided some debt relief to keep the financial gap within bounds.

The current account deficit swelled following the 1973/74 oil price hike, reaching an average of \$1.4 billion in 1974-75. Although debt amortization payments rose, the main element in the increase was a sharp deterioration in the trade account, as rising oil and food import costs more than offset export gains. With large-scale aid available, New Delhi was able to avoid further restrictions on imports. Tight credit and wage curbs imposed in 1974 and the economic measures associated with the Emergency regulations of June 1975 were aimed at tempering inflation and controlling labor unrest rather than reducing the payments gap.

Marked Improvement in 1976

The swing from a \$1.3 billion current account deficit in 1975 to a \$1 billion surplus in 1976 was the largest turnaround experienced by any non-OPEC LDC last

India: Foreign Financial Gap

	1974	1975	1976	1977 ¹
	Million US \$			
Exports, f.o.b. ²	3,930	4,550	5,600	6,000
Imports, c.i.f. ²	5,260	6,000	5,700	6,200
Private remittances	300	900	1,700	1,600
Interest on external public debt	-240	-250	-280	-280
Other net services and errors and omissions	-300	-490	-350	-500
Current account balance	-1,570	-1,290	970	620
Debt amortization	-490	-500	-560	-580
Financial gap	-2,060	-1,790	410	40
Gross foreign aid	1,770	2,320	2,050	2,000
Net short-term capital and errors and omissions	-140	-690	-410	-545
Net IMF drawings	610	210	-350	-470
Change in reserves	180	50	1,700	1,025
	Percent			
Debt service ratio	18.6	16.5	15.0	14.3

¹Projected.

²These trade estimates differ from those in the attached Economic Indicators. The latter are based on incomplete statistics of the Indian Customs Department.

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year. Contributing to the improvement was a sharp decline in imports of foodgrains, made possible by the bumper 1975/76 grain harvest and falling grain prices. At the same time, increased sales to OPEC countries helped push export gains to 23 percent, all but eliminating the trade deficit. An added factor was the dramatic rise in private remittances from Indians working overseas. These inflows, partly induced by the mid-1975 delinking of the rupee from sterling and by new curbs on smuggling and speculation, reached \$1.7 billion last year, compared with only \$300 million in 1974.

The sizable current account surplus more than offset India's debt amortization costs in 1976, leaving a financial surplus of \$410 million. At the same time, New Delhi continued receiving large aid inflows—\$2 billion—including a small amount of debt relief. In these circumstances, foreign exchange reserves mounted sharply, reaching \$3.1 billion by yearend, equal to about six months' imports. Bolstered with these reserves, New Delhi easily repaid nearly half of the \$820 million in IMF drawings made during the 1974-75 payments squeeze. These impressive gains also allowed Gandhi to ease longstanding import restrictions in late 1976.

The 1977 Outlook

Another current account surplus—about \$600 million to \$650 million—is in the making this year. Based on fragmentary data for first half 1977, we expect export gains between 5 and 10 percent, in part reflecting increased sales of machinery and intermediate goods to OPEC countries. High prices for a few important items such as tea will also help assure export growth. We expect imports to grow as purchases other than grain rise from their low 1974-76 levels. Foodgrain imports will drop to negligible amounts, since delivery on practically all contracts signed in 1974-75 was completed by yearend 1976.

Altogether the trade balance will show at most a \$200 million deficit, an amount readily offset by the large surplus on service and transfer payments. Large inflows of private remittances have surprisingly continued during the first months of the Janata regime, even though the government has relinquished the Emergency regulations that gave Gandhi so much power to curb illegal transactions. These inflows will more than cover the \$280 million India pays in interest on the external debt as well as the projected \$500 million deficit on other net service costs.

In these circumstances New Delhi will record another, albeit small, financial surplus this year. Foreign aid receipts will be only slightly lower than last year's \$2.05 billion. Even allowing for larger-than-normal capital outflows and accelerated repurchases on India's outstanding net IMF obligations—\$470 million—foreign exchange holdings will increase sharply. Our projections put official reserves at \$4.1 billion by yearend. In no circumstances, then, does India need the \$50 million worth of debt relief scheduled for this year.

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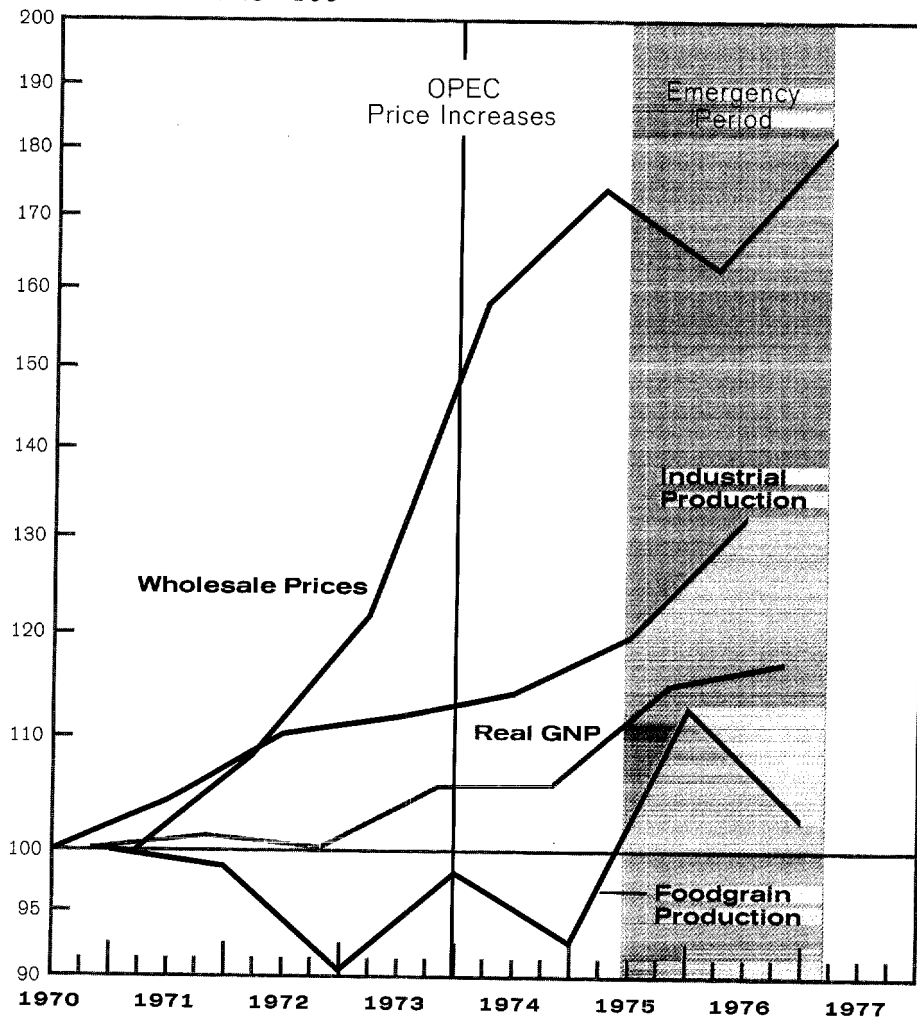
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1978 and Beyond

If the inflow of private remittances stabilizes near recent levels, New Delhi will be in sound financial shape again next year. The other key element in the payments outlook, foodgrain imports, is already working in the government's favor. Large grain stocks—on the order of 20 million tons—provide a sizable cushion against any crop shortfall so that grain imports will be minimal again next year. Moreover, weather conditions have so far been favorable for the main crops due for harvesting over the next two months. The fate of the less important spring crops is still unknown.

The level of foreign exchange reserves, exceptionally high for India, could permit a further easing of import controls over the next 12 months. The Janata government has already moved to liberalize imports of industrial equipment, cotton, and edible oils. However, some manufacturers will not take advantage of import liberalization if tight credit, labor disruptions, and weak domestic demand persists. New Delhi also appears determined to hold the line on imports that compete with domestic industry. Like its predecessor, the new government has taken a negative stance toward foreign investment except in high-technology industries.

Large foreign exchange reserves and high grain stocks will not by themselves bring higher economic growth rates and improved living standards. The pace and pattern of Indian real growth will remain dominated by agricultural developments for the foreseeable future. For example, real GNP growth, after hitting 8.6 percent for the year ending March 1976 on the strength of record farm output, slipped to about 2 percent as crop production fell off. Even a 10-percent gain in industrial production failed to offset the effects of the harvest.

The Janata government, as that of Indira Gandhi, recognizes this dependence on the rural sector. But it is hamstrung in trying to deal with its myriad economic and institutional problems. Free of foreign exchange constraints, the government has the option of stimulating more rapid development outside the agricultural sector. Achieving the political consensus necessary for such action among the disparate elements of the Janata Party would be difficult. (Confidential)

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EC MEMBERSHIP FOR GREECE: MIXED ECONOMIC BLESSING

For political reasons, Athens and the European Community are resolved to forge ahead with negotiations for full Greek membership in the Community. Greek accession promises economic pluses and minuses for both parties.

Background to the Greek Application

Greek ties to the European Community go back to 1962, when an association agreement went into effect. This accord provided for phased liberalization of trade leading to a full customs union covering most products. Greece and the Community also were to cooperate more closely on migrant labor questions and move toward harmonization of economic policies. The agreement was to be fully implemented by 1984, but Community hostility toward the Greek military junta slowed progress drastically during 1967-74. During the period of dictatorship, only the automatic provisions for tariff dismantling proceeded on schedule. In July 1968 most Greek industrial products, except iron and steel, and many agricultural goods began entering the EC duty free.

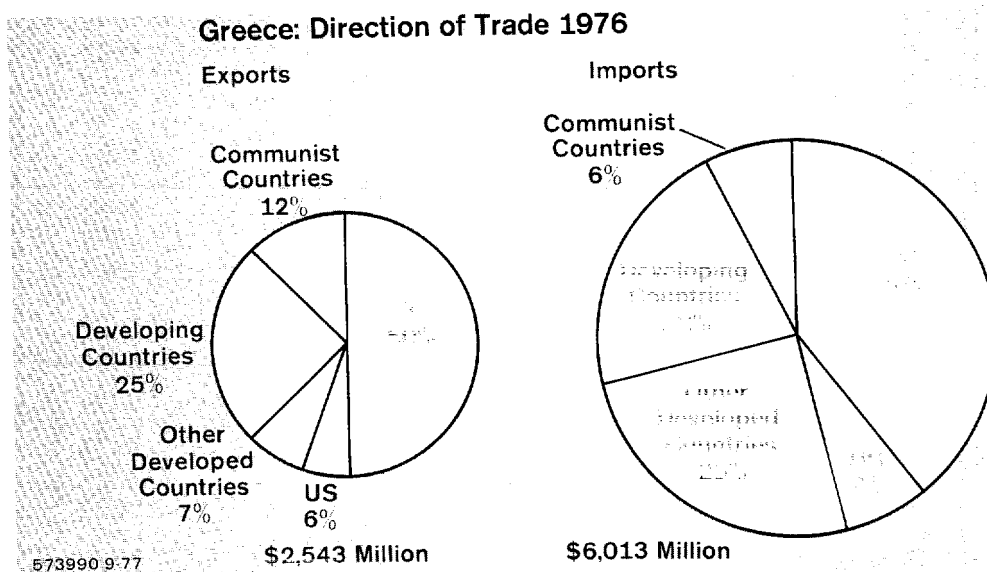
Through a series of staged reductions, Athens has eliminated all duties on EC industrial goods that do not compete directly with Greek manufactures—two-thirds of Greek imports from the Community. It also has slashed tariffs on other EC industrial products by roughly half. In addition, Greece has moved far toward full alignment of its duties against non-EC countries with the Community's common external tariff.

Current Negotiations

In mid-1975, the democratic regime of Prime Minister Caramanlis applied for full membership in the Community. Current Greek-EC negotiations are focused on reconciling difficulties in specific sectors—especially agriculture—and agreeing on the length of the transition period. Greek policymakers hope to complete negotiations by late 1978. They want full membership to be bestowed formally in late 1979, with integration of Greece into the Community to be accomplished over an ensuing five-year transition period. The Community has not committed itself to a timetable.

The ever troublesome issue of agriculture presents the principal threat to timely conclusion of accession negotiations. While Greek agricultural production does not constitute a major threat to the EC, the Community will be careful not to set any precedent with Athens that it could not live with in future dealings with Madrid and

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Lisbon. Greece is willing to accept immediately the EC's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) on a wide range of products—including fruits, vegetables, cereals, wines, and olive oil—where CAP would work to Greece's advantage. Athens has asked that CAP rules be extended to cover cotton, oriental tobacco, and raisins, of which Greece is a significant producer and the EC a negligible one. On the other hand, Athens will have difficulty accepting the CAP treatment of meat and dairy products.

One obstacle to agricultural negotiations was overcome recently when France waived earlier objections to talking with Athens before completion of an internal review of EC agricultural policy. While the Community turned down Athens's request for direct representation in the EC review, it did agree to keep Greece informed about the discussions. Athens in return has promised to accept the Community's policy revisions when the time comes.

What Entry Means to Greece

Prime Minister Caramanlis's drive for full EC membership is based on his belief that it would buttress representative government in Greece and reduce the likelihood of Turkish aggression. Caramanlis has about 90 percent of the Parliament behind him on the EC issue. Only fiery Andreas Papandreou and his party—the Panhellenic Socialist Movement—plus a few Moscow-oriented Communists—the Communist Party-Exterior—oppose EC membership. They argue that full membership would leave Greece vulnerable to domination by foreign capital.

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The Economic Costs

Entry into the EC would entail substantial costs for Greece, with pressure for structural change building through the transition period. The bulk of potential trade gains vis-a-vis the EC have already been obtained since most Greek goods enter the Community duty free. The competitive position of Greek exporters would be weakened by accession if, as expected, the EC pressed Athens to abandon its present system of export incentives—interest subsidies and tax rebates.

Even while phasing out import duties, Athens has been able to protect domestic producers with an umbrella of nontariff barriers—technical and safety standards, health regulations, and favoring of local producers in Greek Government purchases. Full membership would entail removal of such barriers, forcing structural changes in both industry and agriculture. Many firms are too small to compete effectively with EC counterparts and would have to merge into larger units. Industrial adjustment would be further complicated by the need to replace Greece's present complex system of investment incentives with a simple grant system acceptable to the Community.

Adjustments in the shipping industry could prove extremely difficult. The Greek flag would add more than 40 million tons to the EC's existing 130-million-ton fleet. Shipping employs more people than any other industry in Greece and is the nation's top earner of foreign exchange—\$914 million in 1976. EC membership would allow Greek crews to work on ships of other nationalities, an option currently not open. As Greek sailors seeking higher wages shifted to other flags, the cost of operating EC and Greek ships would be brought closer into line, reducing the Greek shipping industry's cost advantage.

The Economic Benefits

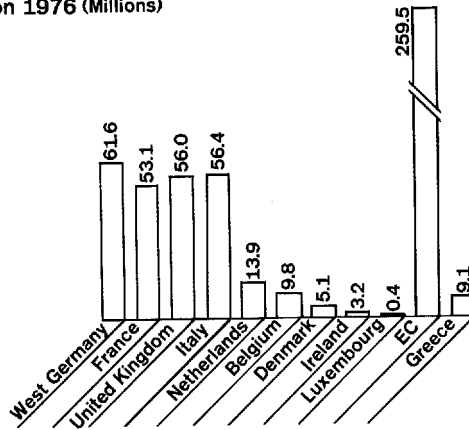
On the positive side, Greece would obtain a number of economic benefits from full membership, although some would become evident only over time.

- As a Community member, Greece immediately would become a net recipient of regional development aid and agricultural guarantees estimated at about \$360 million per year; Athens probably would not have to pay its full share of EC budget costs for up to five years.
- Greek agricultural products—notably fruits, vegetables, olive oil, and wine—would enter Community markets free of the compensatory duties occasionally levied on them heretofore.
- Greek exports of industrial products would gain duty-free access to EFTA countries through existing EC-EFTA free trade agreements.

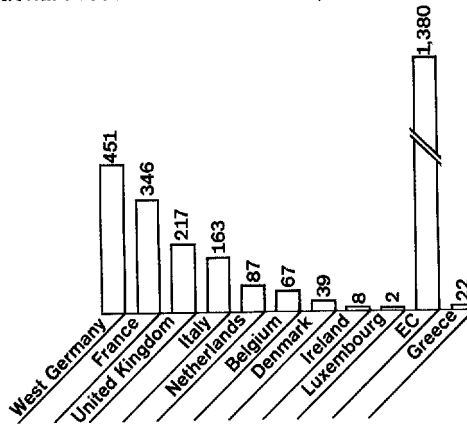
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European Community and Greece:
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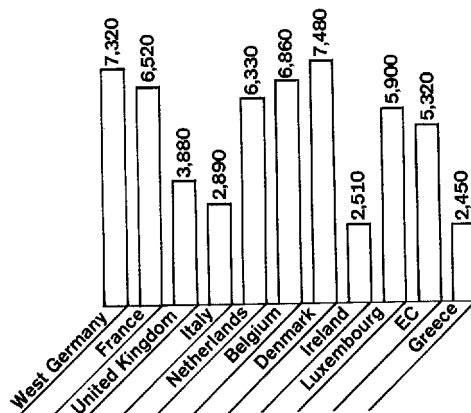
Population 1976 (Millions)



Gross National Product 1976 (Billion US \$)



Gross National Product Per Capita 1976 (US \$)



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- Greek emigrant workers would benefit from the free movement of labor within the Community and the guarantee of equal treatment with local nationals.
- Foreign investment inflows should increase, fostering modernization and growth of Greek industry.

What Entry Means to the EC

EC leaders see the main justification for Greek accession to be political. They hold that full EC membership must be open to all democratic countries in Europe to further the cause of representative government. On the economic side, Greek accession would create investment opportunities for present EC members in a small but strategically located country with low labor costs.

On the negative side, Greek membership would put a further strain on the Community's financial resources. At present spending levels, Greece's cut of regional aid alone would come to about \$120 million annually. Present EC recipient countries already have warned that they are unwilling to share existing funds with new members. The burden of expanding payments to accommodate Greek accession would fall upon the Community's wealthier members, primarily West Germany.

Free entry of Greek labor into the EC would worsen an already bad unemployment situation. As with agriculture, the Community is highly conscious that the terms agreed to will constitute a precedent for negotiations with Spain and Portugal. Hence, labor-importing members of the Community are likely to hold out for a long period of transition to completely free entry.

Accession of Greece, especially if followed by that of Spain and Portugal, would tilt the Community's center of gravity away from the northern industrial members. This shift would require modification of the CAP, since present policy favors temperate-zone farm products such as cereals, meat, and dairy products. Simply boosting the prices of southern agricultural produce is not a workable option because that approach would lead to overproduction of perishable items. Emphasis would have to be put on income supplements, retraining, loans, and other regional programs. (Confidential)

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TURKEY: ECONOMIC PACKAGE FALLS SHORT

The economic stabilization measures announced by Ankara last week will do little to alleviate Turkey's critical foreign exchange shortage. The seven-week-old Demirel government will have to adopt additional measures to gain an IMF loan and restore the confidence of international lenders. Without an infusion of foreign funds to cover raw material imports, Turkey's industrial output will be curtailed and unemployment worsened.

The Measures

The program will exert its main effect through increases in prices of goods and services produced by state-owned economic enterprises. Regular gasoline, previously subsidized, went up 96 percent. Fuel oil rose 62 percent. Paper, cement, iron and steel products, and electricity jumped 25 to 70 percent. Telephone and postal rates more than doubled.

The long overdue hikes will cut the losses of state companies; these losses would have totaled an estimated \$2.5 billion for 1977. The price increases will not balance the national budget as Ankara claims. The higher gasoline and fuel oil prices will discourage oil imports and help the balance of payments; even so the current account deficit will be nearly \$2.5 billion this year, compared with approximately \$2.3 billion in 1976. The spate of price increases will worsen inflation, already running about 25 percent. The anti-inflation measures in last week's announcement—a rise in bank reserve requirements of 5 percent, a one-year limit on consumer credit, and higher interest rates on savings deposits—will not stem the tide. The series of outright balance-of-payments measures (minor concessions to exporters, disincentives for automobile imports, a five-year exchange rate guarantee on worker remittances, a renewed vow to sell off wheat stocks, and a surcharge on import guarantees) should have a small positive effect.

Government Divided

The absence of steps considered important by international banking circles and the IMF, such as a substantial currency devaluation and a credible commitment to end recurrent budget deficits, stems from policy differences within the coalition government. Prime Minister Demirel, although concerned about the contractionary effects of these stronger measures, probably was willing to go along. He has apparently bowed to the views of Deputy Prime Minister Erbakan in the interest of preserving his coalition.

Erbakan, who sought and received control of key economic policy posts as his price for joining the Demirel cabinet, stresses rapid industrialization and rejects any

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policies that threaten Turkey's 7- to 8-percent annual growth. He also argues that the IMF measures would infringe on Turkish sovereignty.

The limited measures announced last week, although clearly unpopular, probably will not generate serious political opposition. Most leading Turks are ready to applaud virtually any effort to remedy the country's economic ills.

A Rock or a Hard Place?

The alternatives to a harsher stabilization program that would open the way to new borrowing are unpleasant. Without an infusion of foreign exchange, production will have to be curtailed. The bulk of imports consists of raw materials and machinery, and shortages of raw materials for such industries as chemicals, construction, and food processing have already appeared. Input shortages, like reduction of demand through strong austerity measures, would worsen unemployment, currently 13 percent.

International bankers have made it clear that any new loans are contingent on an agreement between Ankara and the IMF. Loans from the IMF itself will buy Turkey only a little time, since under present arrangements they could not exceed \$600 million. Ankara currently owes an estimated \$700 million to \$800 million for imports and \$300 million in overdrafts on foreign banks. Furthermore, foreign exchange deposits totaling \$385 million will come due for redemption or renewal by the end of the year; Ankara has been having trouble meeting demands for redemption of such deposits for several months.

Turkish officials have referred repeatedly in recent weeks to a US "economic embargo," asserting that US banks have refused to extend new loans and have withdrawn some foreign exchange deposits from Turkey at the direction of the US Government. In the face of strong official US rebuttals, Turkish proponents of this theory have begun to back off.

Notwithstanding the charges of US unfriendliness, Demirel undoubtedly expects help from Washington as well as from other Western governments. He will be extremely reluctant to take stronger austerity moves as long as he thinks that money is likely to become available from abroad. (Confidential)

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SYRIA'S ECONOMY: ANOTHER FACTOR IN POLITICAL INSTABILITY

Mounting economic difficulties have now become an important factor in the erosion of President Asad's once strong political position. The Syrian economy, although growing fairly rapidly, has been in and out of financial trouble during the past two years. Delays in Arab aid disbursements and the intervention in Lebanon have depleted foreign exchange reserves and forced the leadership into controlling imports, postponing wage increases, and cutting back the development program. Public discontent over the economy reportedly is widespread.

Asad will need a sharp boost in outside aid to shore up foreign exchange reserves and to begin softening the unpopular austerity program. Exports, headed by oil and cotton, are not expected to be of much help. Damascus recently announced a 10-percent cutback on oil output to maintain reserves.

The Post-1973 Boom

During 1974-76, the small Syrian economy grew more rapidly than almost any other non-OPEC LDC:

- Real GNP increased at an average rate in excess of 10 percent annually.
- Unemployment—more than 7 percent before 1973—was practically eliminated.
- Foreign exchange resources, buoyed by increased oil prices and generous Arab aid, accommodated an average increase of 56 percent a year in imports.

This rapid postwar growth was supported by large-scale Arab aid for both reconstruction and new industrial projects. The boom was accompanied by a tripling of the inflation rate—from 5 to 15 percent, according to the official cost-of-living index, which greatly understates the actual rate. The key inflation factor was the emergence of severe bottlenecks in the supply of trained manpower and construction materials. Compounding the labor shortage was the emigration of workers—particularly Palestinian refugees—seeking better paying jobs in the Gulf states.

The Payments Squeeze, 1976-77

The upsurge in postwar imports pushed the Syrian deficit on goods and services to \$560 million in 1975, an amount easily financed by capital inflows of close to

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\$800 million. Last year, however, the deficit on goods and services doubled to \$1.2 billion, while Arab aid flows declined sharply. Uncertain about Syrian intentions in Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and other Arab donors slashed grant aid to \$400 million, about two-thirds of what Damascus had been expecting. To cover the gap, the Asad government drew down foreign exchange reserves by \$375 million during 1976. By spring 1977, reserves approached zero as a result of further drawdowns of \$360 million.

Perhaps one-third of the 1976 deterioration in the goods and services account stemmed from Syria's involvement in Lebanon and losses associated with closing of the Iraqi pipeline. Although no reliable estimates are available, the foreign exchange cost of the Lebanese intervention last year probably amounted to at least \$120 million, all of which was shouldered by Damascus. The bulk of these outlays went for troop salaries paid abroad, spare parts, food, and clothing. Syria also provided some emergency relief assistance to Lebanon. Despite Arab League pledges to compensate Syria, no funds were made available last year, although some \$60 million was provided during the first four months of 1977.

Damascus also lost the private remittances from Syrian workers who fled Lebanon during the fighting. Aside from the Lebanese affair, Syria's international financial position was hurt by longstanding political differences with Iraq. The dispute led to the closing of the Iraqi pipeline in early 1976 and cost Syria both in transit fees and a preferential price for Iraqi crude. Loss of the pipeline revenues alone cost Syria an estimated \$135 million in foreign exchange earnings in 1976.

The Move to Austerity

Delayed aid transfers, low foreign exchange reserves, and the continuing financial pressures of the Lebanese intervention have forced the government to adopt increasingly tough austerity measures. The key measures now include (a) tight

Syria: Balance of Payments

	Million US \$		
	1975	1976 ¹	1977 ²
Balance on goods and services	-563	-1,176	-1,000
Trade balance	-610	-1,205	-1,050
Exports	930	1,065	1,150
Imports	1,540	2,270	2,200
Net services	47	29	50
Net capital inflows	785	775	1,000
Grant aid	705	400	600
Loans and investments ³	80	375	400
Net errors and omissions	13	26	0
Change in reserves	235	-375	0

¹ Preliminary.

² Projected.

³ Includes short-term borrowing.

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wage controls, (b) reduced consumer subsidies, and (c) higher duties and direct controls on imports, including tight restrictions on automobile imports. Moreover, no new development projects have been initiated, and review of foreign project proposals was suspended in early 1977. As a result, government spending in 1977 will probably be slightly lower in real terms than in 1976. Because of the momentum of previous spending programs, real GDP growth should approximate 5 to 6 percent this year, two-thirds the 1976 rate.

The austerity measures should help reduce the deficit on goods and services to about \$1 billion in 1977. Imports are projected to remain close to 1976 levels in nominal terms and decline sharply in real terms. We project exports to rise less than 10 percent, gains in cotton and other traditional exports being offset by a drop in oil export earnings. Damascus recently announced that crude oil production—200,000 b/d last year—will be down at least 10 percent in 1977 because of efforts to maintain the desired reserves-to-production ratio. Oil sales, 60 percent of Syria's export proceeds, have accounted for most of the growth in export earnings since 1973.

With a slightly reduced deficit on goods and services and increased aid receipts, Syria should be able to avoid another foreign exchange crisis this year. After minimal aid receipts in early 1977, Syria has finally received \$600 million in Arab grants and loans and expects another \$150 million by yearend. The government may have used part of this assistance to rebuild reserves. Damascus should be able to obtain \$250 million in other foreign capital. The timing of these flows is the critical question; Damascus reportedly is delinquent on payments on \$300 million to \$400 million in short-term commercial credit.

Political Implications

The austerity measures—especially the government wage squeeze—have put Asad's regime on shaky ground. Discontent reportedly is widespread in the civil service, which has been losing ground to private sector wage rates in the last few years. So far, there have been only threats of strikes by teachers and other government workers. Asad did take pains to exclude military salaries and allowances from his wage freeze; the military together with the civil service make up the bulk of his political support.

Asad may be able to dispel rising discontent over the economy if he can convince the populace that economic controls are temporary and that the lid on wages in particular can be lifted by next year. The key to easing the austerity program is a stepped-up, regular flow of Arab aid, given the limits to export growth. So far, however, Saudi Arabia and other Arab donors have not been willing to guarantee a steady flow of assistance. Aside from some \$80 million pledged by the

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United States this year and a rumored debt moratorium provided by the USSR, Syria has not been able to find major aid sources outside the Arab world. Another round of lengthy delays in Arab aid payments could force Asad to impose jarring economic measures of the kind that precipitated the Egyptian riots of last January. (Secret Noforn)

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OPEC ASSETS UP SHARPLY IN FIRST QUARTER

In first quarter 1977, OPEC members added a healthy \$11.3 billion to their official holdings of foreign assets, bringing total holdings to \$141.2 billion.

The rise was the biggest quarterly jump since fourth quarter 1975, reflecting unusually large oil receipts accruing from (a) purchases made to beat yearend price rises and (b) a tightening of credit terms—typically from 90 days down to 60 days. Countries with limited ability to absorb surplus oil revenues domestically accounted for 75 percent of the increase in assets and now hold two-thirds of total OPEC assets. At the end of 1974, the low absorbers had accounted for one-half of the total.

OPEC: Foreign Official Assets¹

	Million US \$	
	Change in 1st Qtr 1977	Total as of 31 Mar 1977
Total	11,315	141,200
Low absorbers	8,430	94,550
Kuwait	2,170	21,510
Qatar	140	3,660
Saudi Arabia	4,595	53,590
UAE	1,525	15,790
High absorbers	2,885	46,650
Algeria	290	2,810
Ecuador	140	695
Gabon	-10	110
Indonesia	300	1,845
Iran	1,945	16,170
Iraq	600	5,735
Libya	-45	3,950
Nigeria	-260	5,015
Venezuela	-75	10,320

¹Rounded to the nearest \$5 million.

Type of Assets

The sharp increase in OPEC oil receipts in first quarter 1977 resulted in a substantial \$3.3 billion rise in short-term asset holdings. Funds apparently were being shunted into short-term instruments until suitable long-term investment opportunities could be found. The inability of OPEC members to locate quickly acceptable longer term investments led to a rise in the popularity of short-term US

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government securities. Holdings of these securities, which had declined \$1 billion in 1976, rose \$1.4 billion in the first quarter.

Holdings of long-term securities increased \$8.0 billion, led by government securities and direct placements. Bilateral lending to non-OPEC LDCs of \$675 million highlighted the rise in direct placement holdings. Kuwaiti and Saudi loans to fellow OPEC members and subscriptions to joint Arab ventures—such as the Arab Petroleum Investment Company—also gained momentum in January-March 1977.

**OPEC: Foreign Official Assets, by Type,
as of 31 March 1977**

	Percent				
	Total	Gold/SDR/ IMF Position	Bank Deposits	Gov't Securities	Other Assets
Total	100	5	70		25
Algeria	100	35	65		Negl
Ecuador	100	10	90		Negl
Gabon	100	10	90		Negl
Indonesia	100	Negl	95		5
Iran	100	5	40	20	35
Iraq	100	10	85	Negl	5
Kuwait	100	5	30	15	50
Libya	100	10	75		15
Nigeria	100	5	95		Negl
Saudi Arabia	100	Negl	40	30	30
Venezuela	100	20	60	20	Negl

Location of Assets*

Official OPEC funds in excess of \$2.7 billion moved into the United States in the first three months of 1977 compared with \$1.2 billion in fourth quarter 1976. Saudi and Kuwaiti investment in the United States accounted for \$1.9 billion of first

*OPEC foreign official assets are assumed to remain in the country where they are initially placed until removed by the original investor. When OPEC funds managed by US financial institutions are invested in non-US securities, for example, the data would still show these funds as being placed in the United States; no attempt is made to determine whether the non-US security was purchased from another US holder or from a non-US resident.

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OPEC: Foreign Official Assets, by Location,
as of 31 March 1977

	Percent					
	Total	United States	United Kingdom	Continental Europe, Japan, and Canada	IMF/ World Bank	Other
Total	100	25	25	20	10	20
Algeria	100	30	30	Negl	5	35
Ecuador	100	30	5	5	5	55
Gabon	100	Negl	0	0	10	90
Indonesia	100	15	5	55	5	20
Iran	100	15	25	30	10	20
Iraq	100	5	Negl	45	Negl	50
Kuwait	100	25	25	15	5	30
Libya	100	20	0	55	5	20
Nigeria	100	5	20	5	15	55
Saudi Arabia	100	30	25	20	10	15
Venezuela	100	20	25	15	15	25

OPEC: Foreign Official Assets, by Currency,
as of 31 March 1977

	Percent				
	Total	Gold/SDR/ IMF Position	Dollars	Sterling	Other
Total	100	5	70	5	20
Algeria	100	35	30	0	35
Ecuador	100	10	85	Negl	5
Gabon	100	10	Negl	0	90
Indonesia	100	Negl	55	0	45
Iran	100	5	85	Negl	10
Iraq	100	10	35	0	55
Kuwait	100	5	70	5	20
Libya	100	10	50	0	40
Nigeria	100	5	20	15	60
Saudi Arabia	100	Negl	85	Negl	15
Venezuela	100	20	65	Negl	15

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quarter flows. Both countries continue to favor a high percentage of government securities in their United States portfolios. Investment in Europe slackened in the first quarter primarily as a result of a slower rate of placements in Eurodollar deposits.

Outlook

Preliminary figures reveal that OPEC official holdings of foreign assets topped \$150 billion at midyear as oil receipts remained high through June. Normal seasonal increases in imports by OPEC member countries, coupled with declining oil exports, should reduce second half OPEC investment abroad by roughly 50 percent. By yearend 1977, we expect foreign asset holdings to have reached at least \$160 billion. (Secret Noform)

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WORLD SUGAR: OUTPUT AND STOCKS TO REMAIN HIGH

World sugar prices have been depressed for more than a year—hovering at or below production costs—and prospects are dim for any recovery in the coming year. Current forecasts point to another record harvest and further additions to already large exporter stocks. This bleak outlook for exporting countries, coupled with the threat of US import restrictions, should spur a new international sugar agreement (ISA) at the UNCTAD sugar conference under way in Geneva. We believe that an agreement without some form of production curtailment would not solve the present problems of excess supplies.

Record Production, Consumption, and Stocks

World production for the 1976/77 sugar year ending on 31 August is estimated at a record 86.7 million tons—up 6 percent from the previous year. Continuation of the current favorable weather should result in another record harvest in 1977/78. Sugar cane acreage remains high despite low prices, which have forced reductions in sugar beet acreage. However, favorable yields in the USSR and the EC should push beet sugar production to or above last year's level. Global sugar production for 1977/78 is forecast at 87 million to 90 million tons by USDA and trade brokers.

Sugar consumption was up 4 percent in 1976/77, to a record 83.4 million tons. We forecast consumption at 86 million tons in 1977/78, a slightly lower growth rate than last year. Growth in LDC sugar consumption will continue strong; high prices for coffee, tea, and cocoa will slow consumption growth in the developed countries.

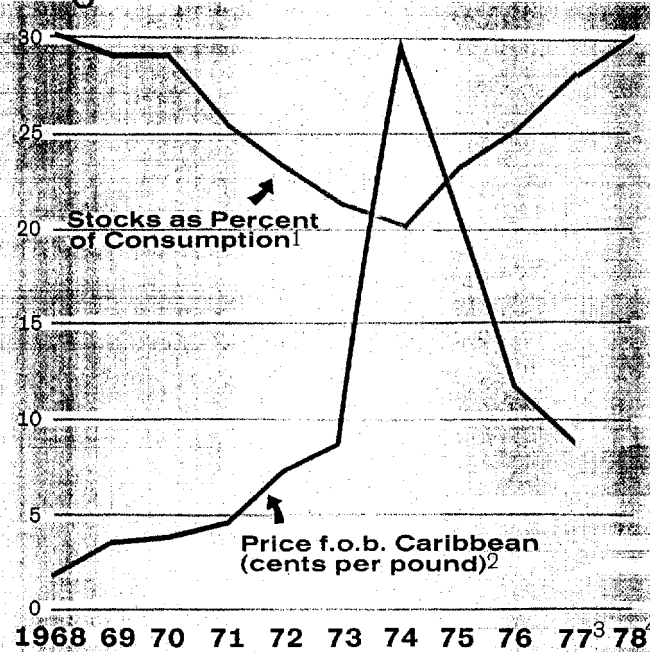
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Sugar Prices and Stocks



- 1. As of 31 August
- 2. Annual average for the year ending 31 December
- 3. Estimate based on data for January-August
- 4. Forecast

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Sugar usage will be further dampened in the United States by aggressive competition from high fructose corn syrup (HFCS), a lower priced substitute for sugar in its industrial uses. Problems of excess capacity in HFCS production will cause this new industry to press for a larger market share. The US industry faces excess capacity of more than half a million tons with the addition of two new plants this summer and another 250,000-ton plant scheduled to start this winter. Despite capacity problems and low sugar prices, the industry has remained in reasonably good shape because of low corn prices and the development of second-generation HFCS, a more versatile form of the product.

World sugar stocks on 31 August 1977 stood at 23.7 million tons or 28 percent of annual consumption. Most analysts believe a stock level representing 25 percent of annual consumption is desirable for market stability; higher levels depress prices. With production expected to exceed consumption again in 1977/78, stocks could increase to a level equivalent to 30 percent of annual consumption.

Depressed Prices

Sugar prices, currently about 8 cents per pound f.o.b. Caribbean, have been at or below production costs since August 1976. Except for a brief rally in April when they reached 11 cents per pound, prices have fluctuated in a range of 7 to 9 cents. We expect world prices to remain in this range over the next year unless there is (a) a major crop failure and/or (b) a new sugar agreement with minimum price provisions above this level.

Sugar Negotiations: Problems and Prospects

Despite months of preparatory conferences and meetings, producers and consumers were unsuccessful in an April attempt to negotiate a new ISA. Failure stemmed largely from lack of agreement over inventory issues; the conference was dissolved with little discussion of other important questions. A July meeting in London of 20 leading importers and exporters resulted in sufficient progress on the sticky issue of reserves to warrant reconvening the conference this month in Geneva.

In addition to determining size and method of financing of stocks a host of other complex issues must be resolved before an ISA can be negotiated, including: (a) the level of minimum and maximum prices, (b) the allocation and size of export quotas, (c) the role of special trade arrangements, (d) the guarantee of access to

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Bilateral Sugar Trade Arrangements, 1977/78¹

Producing Country	Purchaser	Thousand Tons
Total		10,800
African-Caribbean-Pacific Countries	EC	1,300
Australia	Japan	600
	Malaysia	300
	South Korea	200
	Singapore	60
Brazil	Algeria	350
	Iraq	300
	Japan	250
	Portugal	100
	United Kingdom	100
Cuba	Finland	40
	USSR	2,600
	East Europe	600
	China and Far East	350
	Japan	300
	Canada	150
	Spain	100
	Finland	90
Dominican Republic	United States	350
	Venezuela	100
Philippines	United States	1,350
	Algeria	100
	China	50
South Africa	Japan	350
Taiwan	Japan	150
	South Korea	80
	United States	80
Thailand	Japan	300
	China	100

¹ Government-to-government agreements, except for the United States and Japan; the US and Japanese entries in the table involve contracts between domestic refiners and producing countries.

important markets, (e) the control of nonmember imports and exports, and (f) the export role of the European Community.

There appears to be a general consensus among importers and exporters on a 10-cent range between minimum and maximum prices. Exporters favor a price range of 13 to 23 cents; importers will probably opt for a minimum of 10 or 11 cents. Export quota trigger points within the negotiated price range will also have to be set.

We expect negotiations over export quotas and special trade arrangements to be even more difficult than negotiations over prices. Sugar exporters, particularly those with expansion plans, will be anxious to negotiate a large quota under the agreement to ensure a sufficient market for their likely output. The quota issue will be a source of considerable conflict, particularly in the case of Brazil, Cuba, Australia, and the Dominican Republic.

The special trade arrangement issue is causing concern among the negotiators due to Cuba's reluctance to divulge the terms and amounts of various protocols with Communist countries for the export of sugar. These latter countries are generally free to reexport this sugar on the international market. Reexports could severely depress world prices if not properly factored into an international agreement. Special bilateral trade arrangements account for about 40 percent of total world sugar trade.

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Exporters will probably press for guaranteed access to import markets and seek to have controls established on the importation of sugar from nonmember countries. Another area of concern among exporters is the role of the European Community in an agreement. The EC, with 12 percent of world production and a policy of subsidizing exports, has favored an agreement with buffer stocks and no export quotas. If the EC does not modify its position and remains outside the agreement, the Community's exportable surplus of 2 million to 3 million tons (roughly one-sixth of free market volume) would prove a serious threat to stability of any sugar agreement.

Chances appear to be better than ever that an agreement will be negotiated. Exporters particularly need a pact to bolster sagging earnings at a time when fundamental market forces point to continued low prices. In addition, the United States hopes to negotiate an ISA to assist its troubled domestic producers; failure to come up with an agreement could lead to US import restrictions.

After an Agreement

The obvious benefactors of a new ISA with, say, a minimum price of 10 to 11 cents would be sugar exporters. Consumers would be the immediate losers. Over the longer term, consumers might benefit in the unlikely event that an ISA were successful in dampening upward price movements.

A less apparent beneficiary of a new ISA would be the US high fructose corn syrup industry. An ISA minimum price of more than 10 cents would provide an umbrella for this new industry and increase sales of the corn sweetener.

We have estimated the effects on US sugar consumption of an increase in raw sugar prices to a level of 13.5 cents per pound—the amount proposed in US price-support legislation—under different price levels for HFCS. If we assume that high fructose syrup prices rise in the same proportion as sugar prices, US sugar consumption will fall by 240,000 tons annually, or 2.4 percent. If sugar prices rise and HFCS prices remain at current levels, US sugar consumption would fall by 760,000 tons. HFCS quantities could rapidly expand because of considerable excess capacity and low input costs.

A new ISA that boosts the price of sugar will increase the sugar surplus as consumption is reduced. Trade estimates indicate that a reduction of 250,000 tons in world sugar consumption will occur for every 1-cent increase in the price of sugar above 9 cents; these estimates make no explicit assumption about the HFCS price. We believe that sugar acreage will remain unchanged or even increase slightly with a new ISA, resulting in expanded production and further downward price pressure.

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Consequently, if prices are maintained near a 10- to 11-cent floor, large surpluses are inevitable in the absence of some form of production curtailment. (Confidential)

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Publications of Interest*

USSR: Production of Electronic Instruments
(ER 77-10483, August 1977, Secret)

This report analyzes the electronic instrument industry of the USSR. It discusses the level and quality of output, its adequacy for domestic needs, the organization of the industry, and foreign trade in the industry's products.

Communist Aid to Less Developed Countries of the Free World, 1976
(ER 77-10296U, August 1977, Unclassified)

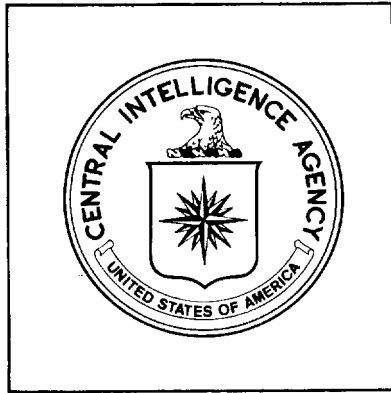
This report, which analyzes trends in Soviet military and economic policy in the Third World and details 1976 Communist activity in major developing nations, is the unclassified version of a similar classified report published in June 1977.

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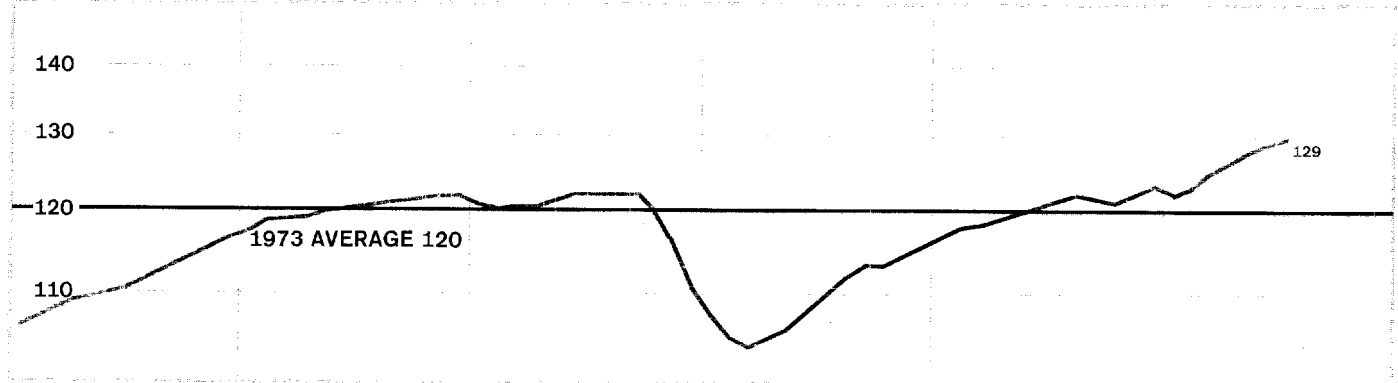
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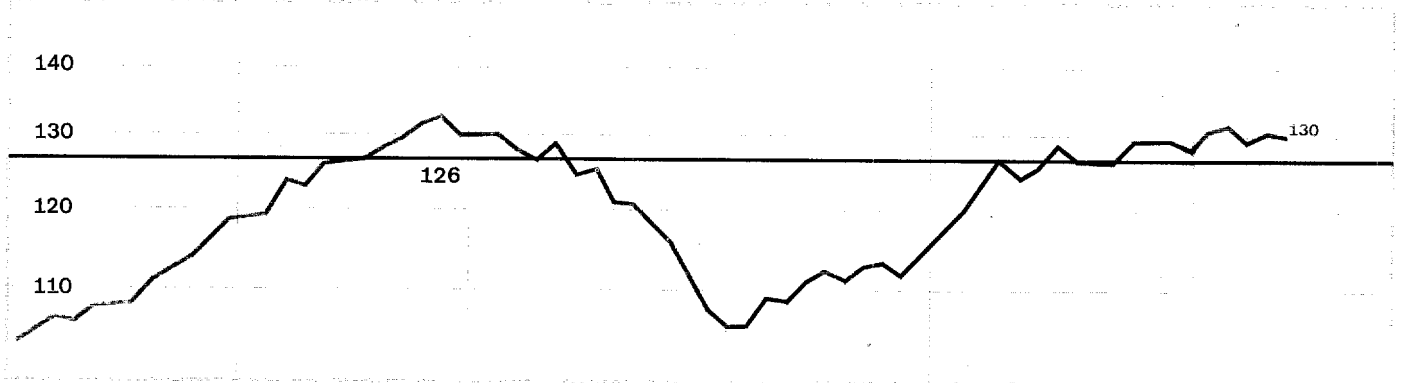
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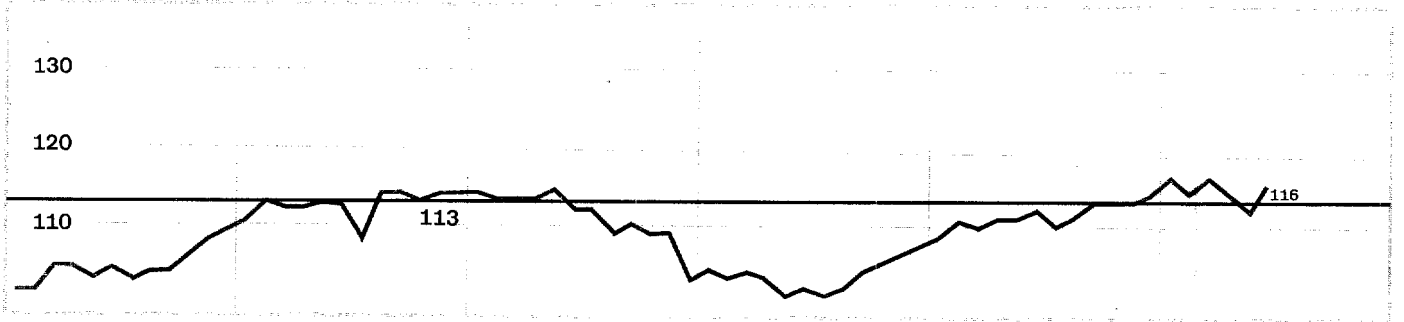
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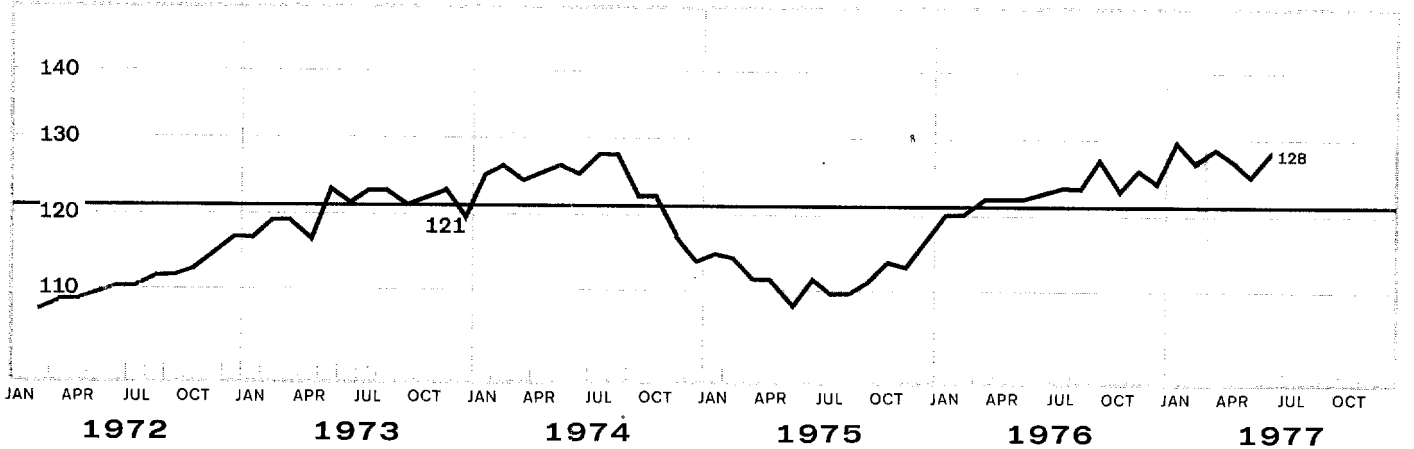
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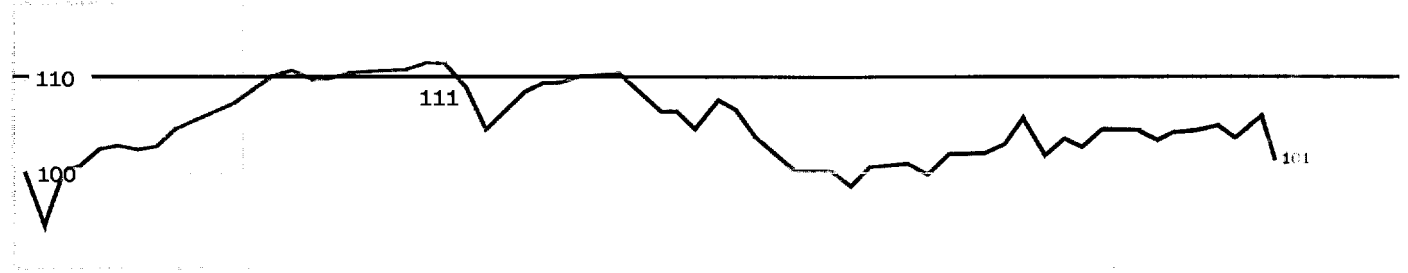


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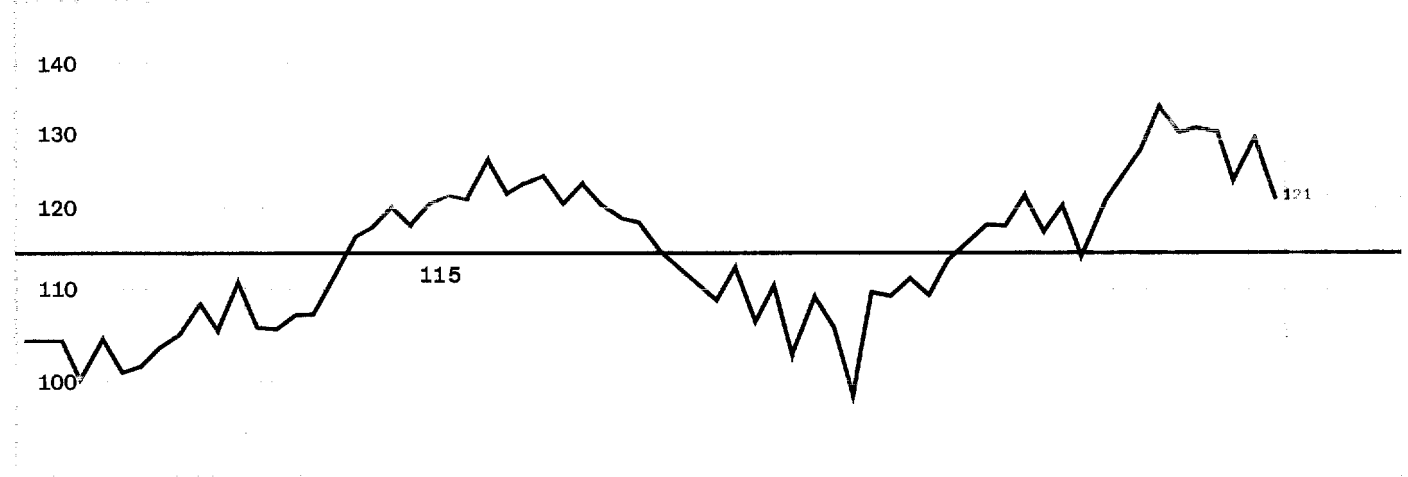


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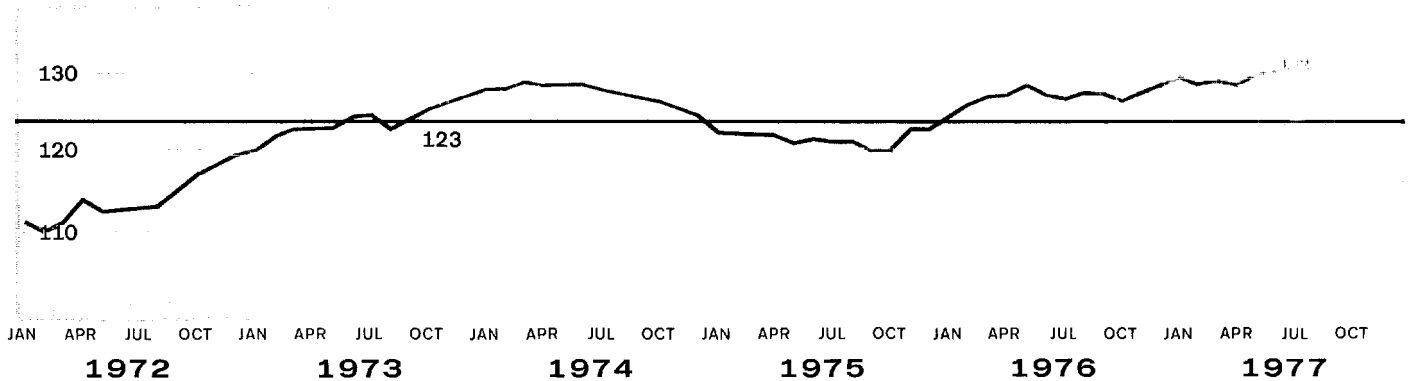
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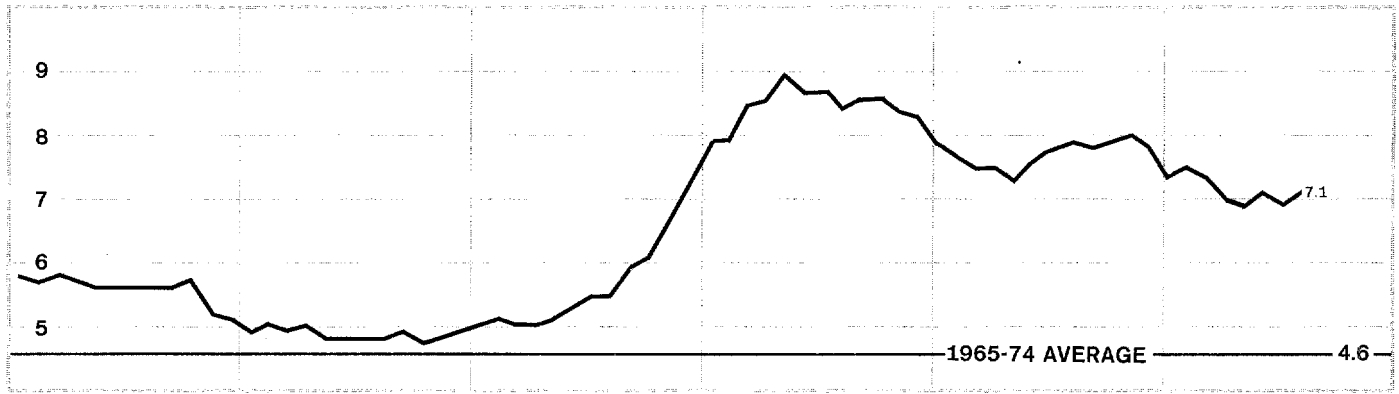


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			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ¹			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ¹	
United States	JUL 77	0.5	3.7	6.4	10.4	United Kingdom	JUN 77	-5.1	0.1	-0.2	-5.6
Japan	JUL 77	-0.9	3.8	1.2	0.7	Italy	JUN 77	-7.2	2.7	3.3	-16.9
West Germany	JUN 77	1.8	2.2	3.6	-6.6	Canada	JUN 77	0.3	4.1	4.5	1.4
France	JUN 77	3.2	3.6	4.1	-8.0						

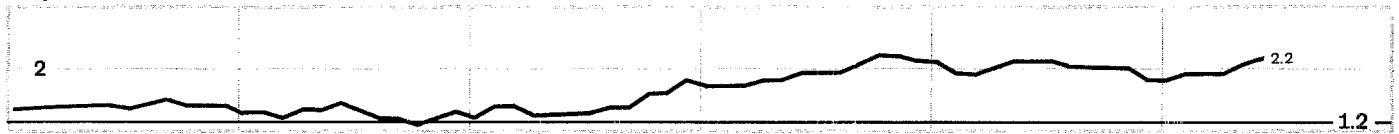
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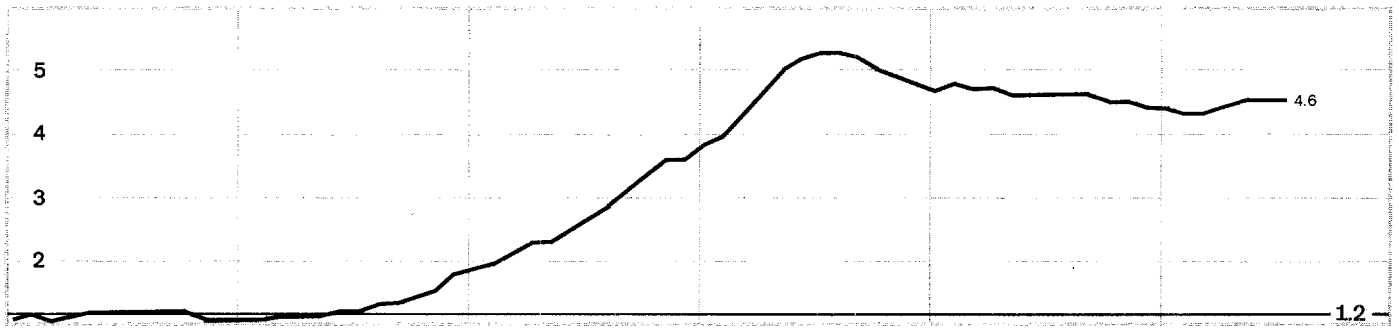
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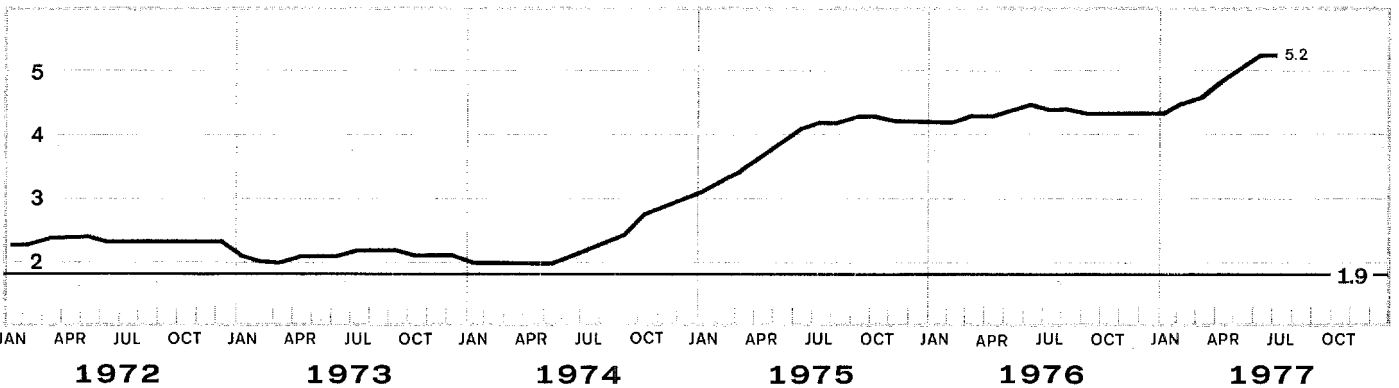
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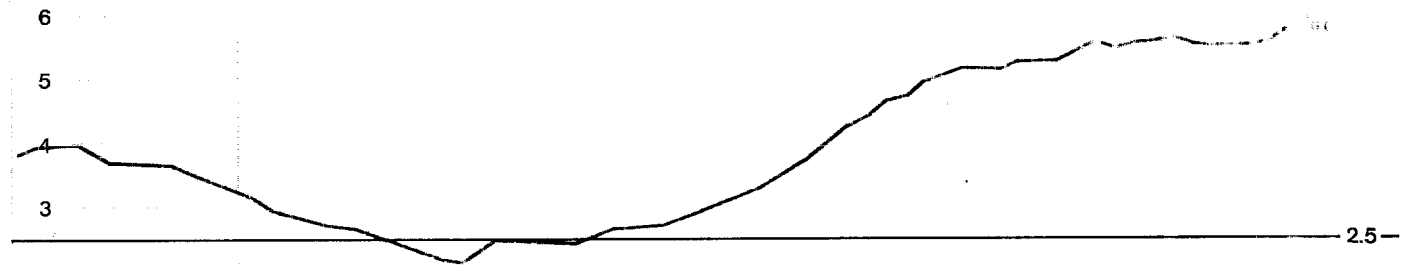
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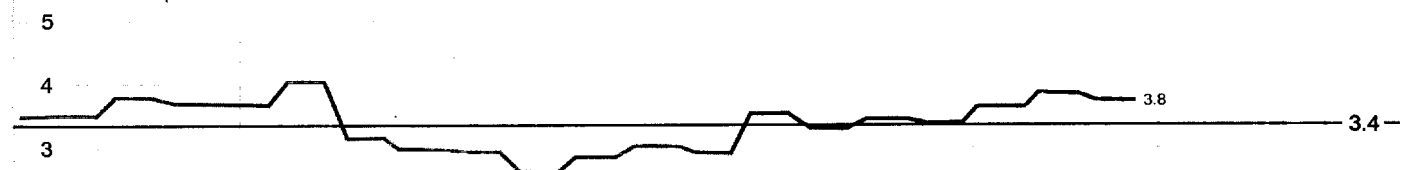
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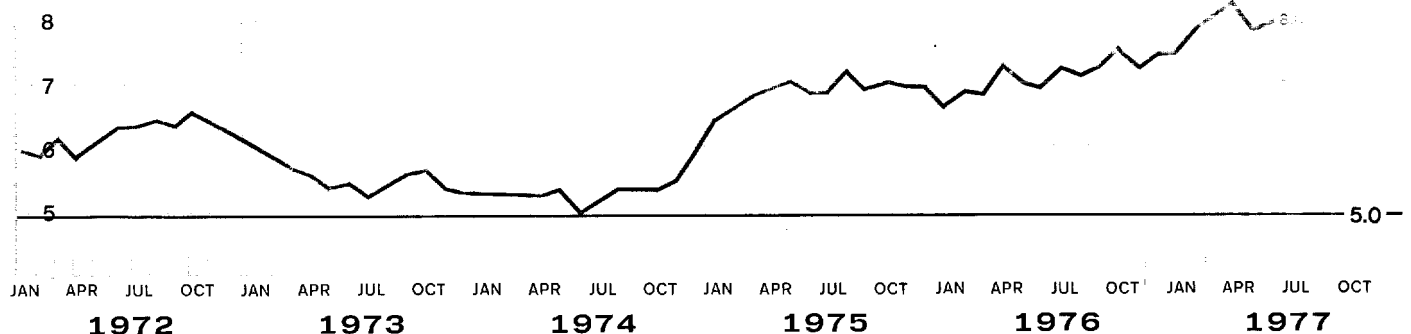
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THOUSANDS OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED

	LATEST MONTH	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		LATEST MONTH	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	AUG 77	6,926	7,517	United Kingdom	AUG 77	1,414	1,309
Japan	JUN 77	1,190	1,120	Italy	76 IV	777	699
West Germany	JUL 77	1,049	1,050	Canada	JUL 77	859	751
France	JUL 77	1,180	950				

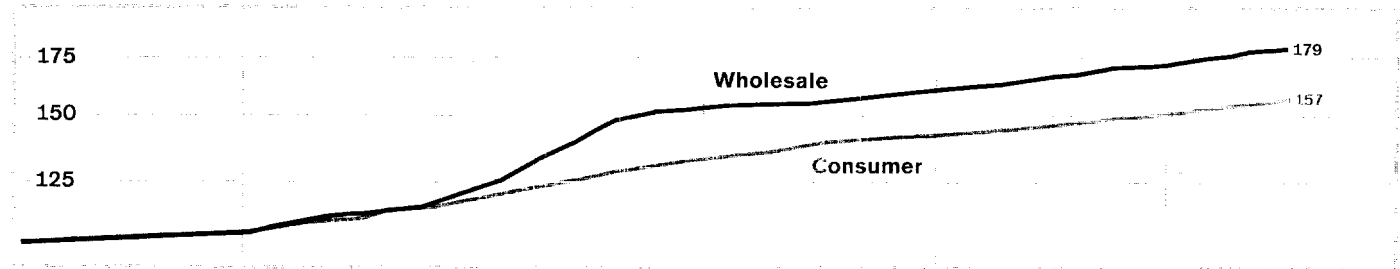
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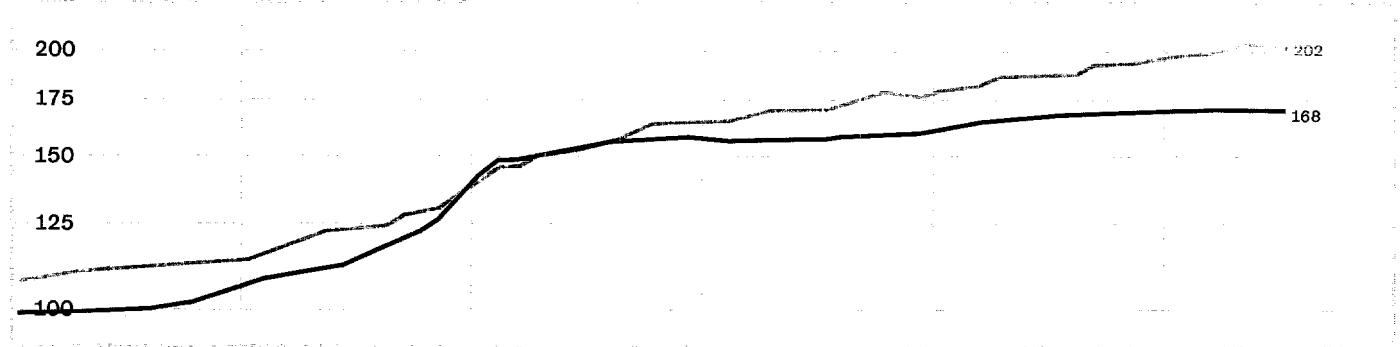
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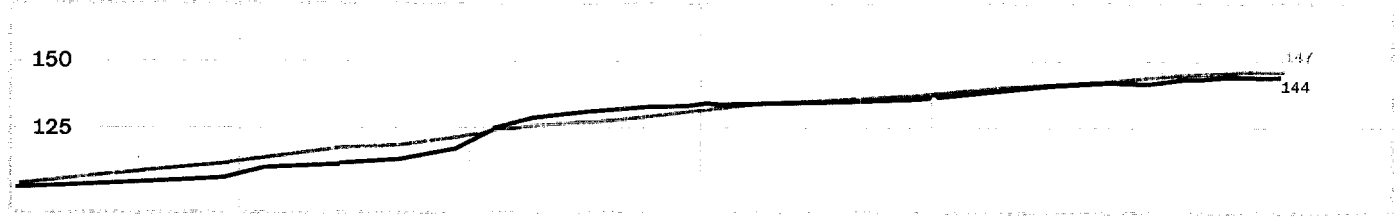
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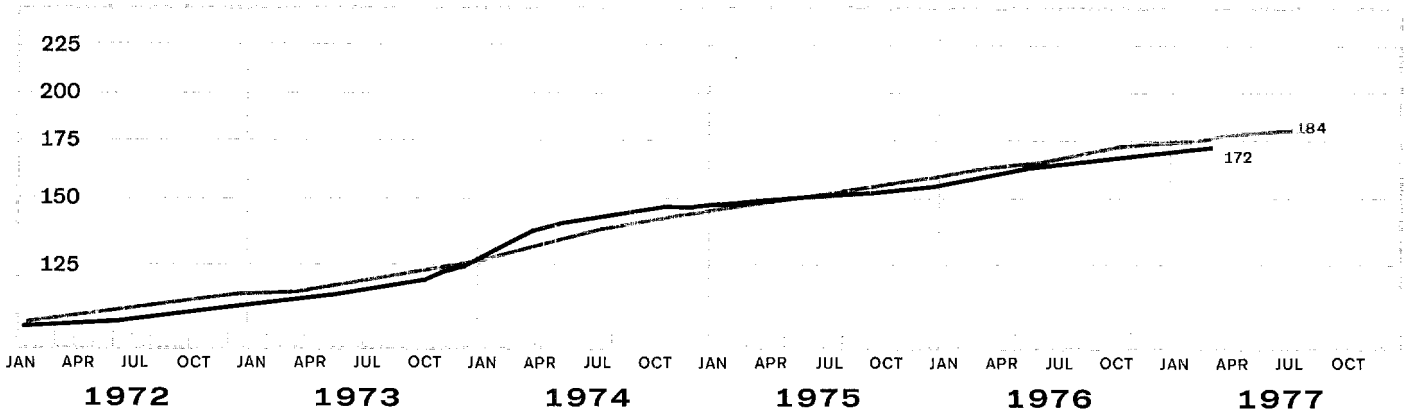
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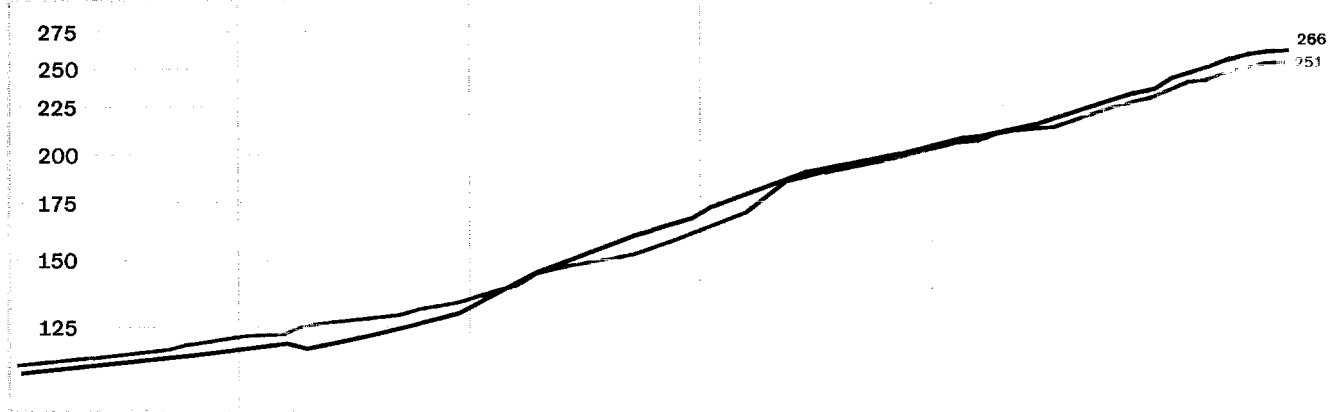
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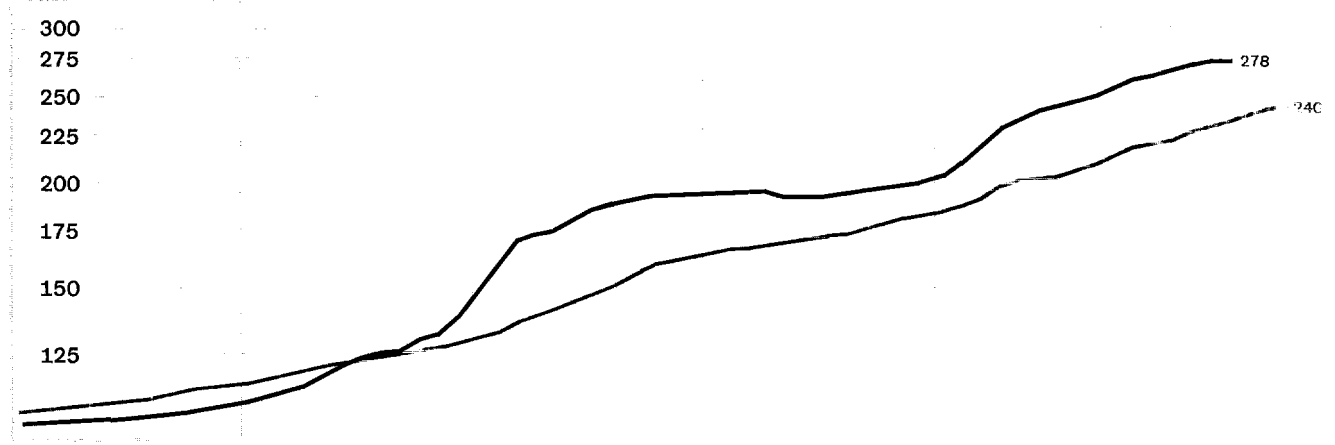
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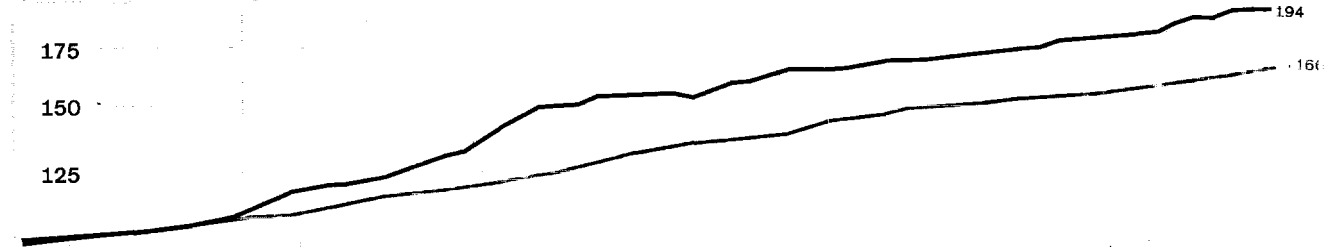
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	LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE			LATEST MONTH	Percent Change from Previous Month	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE			
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	
United States	AUG 77	0.6	8.5	7.2	5.7	United Kingdom	JUL 77	1.3	14.9	20.9	17.1
	JUL 77	0.4	6.6	6.7	6.9		JUL 77	0.1	14.0	17.6	8.0
Japan	JUL 77	-0.5	7.7	1.1	-2.6	Italy	JUN 77	0.3	15.8	15.9	6.7
	JUL 77	-0.3	10.5	7.7	0.7		JUL 77	0.8	13.2	20.3	14.3
West Germany	JUL 77	0	5.3	2.2	0.3	Canada	JUN 77	-0.2	10.0	9.6	2.2
	JUL 77	-0.1	5.6	4.3	3.1		JUL 77	0.9	7.5	8.4	10.3
France	MAR 77	0.9	8.4	8.2	7.6						
	JUL 77	0.9	9.1	10.1	10.9						

GNP¹**Constant Market Prices**

	Latest Quarter	Percent Change from Previous Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	77 II	1.6	3.2	4.7	6.4
Japan	77 II	1.9	5.6	5.6	7.6
West Germany	76 IV	1.8	2.5	4.5	7.3
France	76 IV	0	3.9	4.9	0
United Kingdom	77 I	-1.9	1.6	-1.3	-7.5
Italy	76 IV	4.8	3.4	9.4	20.6
Canada	76 IV	-0.6	4.8	3.4	-2.5

¹ Seasonally adjusted.**RETAIL SALES**
Constant Prices

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States	Jun 77	-0.2	3.2	4.1	3.3
Japan	May 77	-3.8	9.9	2.3	9.5
West Germany	Jun 77	0.9	2.4	4.4	-9.8
France	Jun 77	7.7	-0.3	1.0	-8.1
United Kingdom	Jul 77	3.1	1.1	-1.7	3.9
Italy	Mar 77	0.2	2.9	-0.3	16.3
Canada	Jun 77	-0.7	4.1	-3.7	-8.7

¹ Seasonally adjusted.² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.**FIXED INVESTMENT¹****Non-residential; constant prices**

	Latest Quarter	Percent Change from Previous Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	77 II	2.2	2.1	9.6	9.0
Japan	77 II	0.5	1.1	4.5	2.0
West Germany	76 IV	3.3	1.1	5.0	13.8
France	75 IV	8.8	4.2	2.9	40.1
United Kingdom	77 I	-0.6	0	3.4	-2.5
Italy	76 IV	10.6	3.1	15.7	49.6
Canada	76 IV	8.5	6.8	5.1	38.7

¹ Seasonally adjusted.**WAGES IN MANUFACTURING¹**

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
United States	Jul 77	0.6	7.5	7.6	8.1
Japan	Jun 77	1.7	17.3	12.5	8.7
West Germany	77 II	1.7	9.5	7.5	7.2
France	77 I	2.3	14.1	13.9	9.5
United Kingdom	Jun 77	0.3	15.7	3.4	3.6
Italy	May 77	5.3	21.1	29.4	33.2
Canada	Jun 77	1.3	11.5	10.7	11.7

¹ Hourly earnings (seasonally adjusted) for the United States, Japan, and Canada; hourly wage rates for others. West German and French data refer to the beginning of the quarter.² Average for latest 3 months compared with that for previous 3 months.**MONEY MARKET RATES**

Representative rates	Latest Date	Percent Rate of Interest				
		1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	1 Month Earlier		
United States	Commerical paper	Sep 7	5.88	5.38	5.44	5.60
Japan	Call money	Sep 9	4.88	7.00	5.50	5.75
West Germany	Interbank loans (3 months)	Sep 7	4.03	4.60	4.20	4.03
France	Call money	Sep 9	8.25	9.50	8.88	8.50
United Kingdom	Sterling interbank loans (3 months)	Sep 7	6.56	11.23	7.83	7.20
Canada	Finance paper	Sep 7	7.50	9.50	7.22	7.38
Eurodollars	Three-month deposits	Sep 7	6.26	5.54	5.68	6.18

EXPORT PRICES
US \$

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	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			°		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Jun 77	-0.4	9.8	5.6	2.5
Japan	Jun 77	2.0	10.8	14.9	10.1
West Germany	Jun 77	-0.5	11.3	11.6	5.4
France	May 77	0.9	11.3	7.1	3.6
United Kingdom	Jul 77	0.6	10.6	12.9	11.1
Italy	Mar 77	0.5	11.3	16.9	16.7
Canada	Jun 77	0.5	9.8	8.6	12.3

EXPORT PRICES
National Currency

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			°		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Jun 77	-0.4	9.8	5.6	2.5
Japan	Jun 77	0.4	6.5	4.7	-1.0
West Germany	Jun 77	-0.5	4.5	2.0	-0.9
France	May 77	0.6	9.5	12.8	1.3
United Kingdom	Jul 77	0.4	16.0	17.0	9.7
Italy	Mar 77	-1.1	16.8	22.9	17.1
Canada	Jun 77	-0.3	8.2	5.4	9.6

IMPORT PRICES
National Currency

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			°		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Jun 77	-1.4	13.5	7.9	2.1
Japan	Jun 77	-0.8	10.9	0.3	-14.8
West Germany	Jun 77	-0.1	4.4	1.7	3.0
France	May 77	-0.5	10.5	17.4	2.5
United Kingdom	Jul 77	0.7	19.7	15.7	6.6
Italy	Apr 77	1.0	21.1	13.7	15.1
Canada	Jun 77	0.5	9.2	9.0	7.4

OFFICIAL RESERVES

	Latest Month	Billion US \$			
		Latest Month		1 Year 3 Months	
		End of	Billion US \$	Jun 1970	Earlier
United States	Jun 77	19.2	14.5	18.5	19.1
Japan	Aug 77	17.8	4.1	16.3	17.3
West Germany	Jun 77	35.1	8.8	33.3	34.7
France	Jun 77	10.2	4.4	9.6	9.8
United Kingdom	Jun 77	11.6	2.8	5.3	9.7
Italy	Jun 77	9.7	4.7	5.2	6.4
Canada	Jun 77	5.1	4.3	6.0	5.1

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE ¹

	Latest Period	Cumulative (Million US \$)			
		Million US \$	°		
			1977	1976	Change
United States ²	77 I	-4,317	-4,317	540	-4,857
Japan	Jul 77	1,554	4,661	1,242	3,419
West Germany	Jul 77	-546	1,731	1,188	543
France	77 II	-438	-2,101	-2,052	-50
United Kingdom	77 I	-773	-773	-502	-271
Italy	77 I	-929	-929	-1,413	484
Canada	77 I	-1,624	-1,624	-1,911	287

¹ Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

² Seasonally adjusted.

BASIC BALANCE ¹

Current and Long-Term-Capital Transactions

	Latest Period	Cumulative (Million US \$)			
		Million US \$	°		
			1977	1976	Change
United States		No longer published ²			
Japan	Jul 77	1,368	3,521	1,629	1,892
West Germany	Jul 77	-875	-2,039	1,196	-3,234
France	77 I	-1,354	-1,354	-2,015	660
United Kingdom	76 IV	-277	N.A.	-4,171	N.A.
Italy	76 III	779	N.A.	1,096	N.A.
Canada	77 I	-583	-583	882	-1,465

¹ Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

² As recommended by the Advisory Committee on the Presentation of Balance of Payments Statistics, the Department of Commerce no longer publishes a basic balance.

EXCHANGE RATES

Spot Rate

As of 9 Sep 77

	US \$ Per Unit	Percent Change from			
		°			
		19 Mar 73	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	2 Sep 77
Japan (yen)	0.0037	-1.47	7.46	2.10	0.38
West Germany (Deutsche mark)	0.4302	21.49	8.07	1.27	-0.28
France (franc)	0.2031	-7.84	0.04	0.39	-0.32
United Kingdom (pound sterling)	1.7425	-29.20	-0.54	1.34	0.05
Italy (lira)	0.0011	-36.05	-4.79	0.18	-0.18
Canada (dollar)	0.9315	-6.64	-9.00	-1.49	0.03

TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES ¹

As of 9 Sep 77

	Percent Change from			
	°			
	2 Sep 73	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	2 Sep 77
United States	6.35	1.95	0.34	-4.38
Japan	4.56	9.99	2.34	-1.17
West Germany	26.22	6.85	1.38	-4.42
France	-7.68	-2.56	0.37	-7.21
United Kingdom	-29.01	-0.85	2.12	-4.69
Italy	-38.44	-7.26	-0.07	-4.19
Canada	-4.48	-9.29	-1.58	-0.77

¹ Weighting is based on each listed country's trade with 16 other industrialized countries to reflect the competitive impact of exchange rate variations among the major currencies.

Developed Countries: Direction of Trade¹

Million US \$

	Exports to (f.o.b.)						Imports from (c.i.f.)					
	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC ²	Com-munist	Other	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC ²	Com-munist	Other
UNITED STATES ³												
1974	98,507	45,866	15,630	6,723	3,406	26,882	100,218	49,490	9,415	15,636	1,282	24,395
1975	107,592	46,926	16,191	10,765	3,699	30,011	96,140	46,715	8,170	17,083	1,156	23,016
1976	114,997	51,298	17,612	12,567	3,936	29,584	120,677	56,626	9,058	25,017	1,445	28,531
1st Qtr	27,360	12,184	4,088	2,751	1,144	7,193	27,319	12,884	2,226	5,570	327	6,312
2d Qtr	29,695	13,383	4,496	3,113	1,088	7,615	28,367	14,332	2,242	5,582	372	5,839
3d Qtr	27,437	11,944	4,073	3,106	850	7,464	32,452	14,285	2,228	6,952	389	8,598
4th Qtr	30,505	13,787	4,955	3,597	854	7,312	32,539	15,125	2,362	6,913	357	7,782
1977												
1st Qtr	29,454	13,752	4,716	3,136	951	6,899	34,990	15,124	2,566	8,324	366	8,610
2d Qtr	31,673	14,282	4,707	3,389	816	8,479	37,907	17,059	2,578	8,673	411	9,186
JAPAN												
1974	55,610	18,591	6,862	5,450	4,367	20,340	62,074	18,755	6,219	19,970	3,684	13,446
1975	55,812	16,468	6,091	8,423	5,283	19,547	57,853	16,917	6,083	19,404	3,382	12,067
1976	67,364	22,406	8,588	9,278	5,049	22,043	64,895	17,534	7,777	21,877	2,926	14,781
1st Qtr	14,429	4,848	1,827	1,872	1,289	4,593	14,832	4,083	1,696	5,213	671	3,169
2d Qtr	16,431	5,402	2,092	2,271	1,348	5,318	15,903	4,347	1,948	5,400	667	3,541
3d Qtr	17,542	5,897	2,272	2,476	1,135	5,762	16,818	4,497	2,137	5,406	747	4,031
4th Qtr	18,962	6,259	2,397	2,659	1,277	6,370	17,342	4,607	1,996	5,858	841	4,040
1977												
1st Qtr	17,911	5,848	2,449	2,459	1,409	5,746	17,452	4,717	1,845	6,246	801	3,843
Apr & May	13,017	4,404	1,611	1,823	875	4,304	11,988	3,195	1,380	3,925	575	2,913
WEST GERMANY												
1974	89,365	30,820	36,431	4,066	9,473	8,575	69,659	23,878	25,504	9,211	5,153	5,913
1975	90,181	28,331	36,406	6,776	10,629	8,039	74,986	27,085	27,761	8,239	5,526	6,375
1976	101,980	33,443	41,811	8,245	10,310	8,171	88,211	31,281	32,632	9,720	6,718	7,860
1st Qtr	23,467	7,918	9,519	1,710	2,430	1,890	20,147	7,130	7,577	2,189	1,502	1,749
2d Qtr	24,570	8,215	10,110	1,838	2,421	1,986	21,571	7,704	8,133	2,223	1,625	1,886
3d Qtr	25,147	8,003	10,272	2,235	2,510	2,127	21,791	7,565	7,894	2,575	1,699	2,058
4th Qtr	28,796	9,307	11,910	2,462	2,949	2,168	24,701	8,883	9,028	2,732	1,891	2,167
1977												
1st Qtr	27,804	9,281	11,609	2,307	2,156	2,451	24,084	8,465	8,828	2,578	1,270	2,943
Apr	9,230	3,058	3,849	799	694	830	7,991	2,892	2,949	756	428	966
FRANCE												
1974	45,914	19,361	14,854	3,017	2,265	6,417	52,874	22,062	13,620	10,117	1,714	5,361
1975	52,189	19,960	15,454	4,909	3,477	8,389	54,238	23,039	14,350	9,665	2,065	5,119
1976	55,680	22,438	16,081	5,067	3,558	8,536	64,256	27,750	16,894	11,336	2,384	5,892
1st Qtr	13,639	5,524	3,921	1,240	917	2,037	15,529	6,567	4,157	2,818	595	1,392
2d Qtr	14,769	5,911	4,395	1,221	1,059	2,183	16,187	7,149	4,324	2,610	593	1,511
3d Qtr	12,409	4,922	3,446	1,280	729	2,032	14,841	6,431	3,733	2,723	577	1,377
4th Qtr	14,863	6,081	4,319	1,326	853	2,284	17,699	7,603	4,680	3,185	619	1,612
1977												
1st Qtr	15,323	6,250	4,540	1,392	847	2,294	17,885	7,494	4,840	3,056	600	1,895
Apr	5,232	2,193	1,569	460	288	722	5,788	2,499	1,543	879	194	673
UNITED KINGDOM												
1974	38,615	11,704	15,544	2,554	1,458	7,355	54,107	18,158	17,968	8,695	1,870	7,416
1975	43,751	12,399	16,310	4,535	1,768	8,739	53,260	18,387	18,370	6,912	1,726	7,865
1976	46,312	14,016	17,492	5,133	1,619	8,052	56,029	19,653	18,732	7,292	2,143	8,209
1st Qtr	11,637	3,415	4,362	1,238	433	2,189	13,641	4,704	4,597	1,824	510	2,006
2d Qtr	11,553	3,532	4,307	1,259	420	2,035	14,052	5,041	4,547	1,738	579	2,147
3d Qtr	11,058	3,430	4,100	1,262	386	1,880	13,787	4,744	4,547	1,893	528	2,075
4th Qtr	12,064	3,639	4,723	1,374	380	1,948	14,549	5,164	5,041	1,837	526	1,981
1977												
1st Qtr	13,150	4,008	5,145	1,521	413	2,063	15,575	5,786	5,068	1,783	514	2,424
2d Qtr	14,375	4,195	5,700	1,687	530	2,263	16,623	6,009	5,718	1,702	602	2,592

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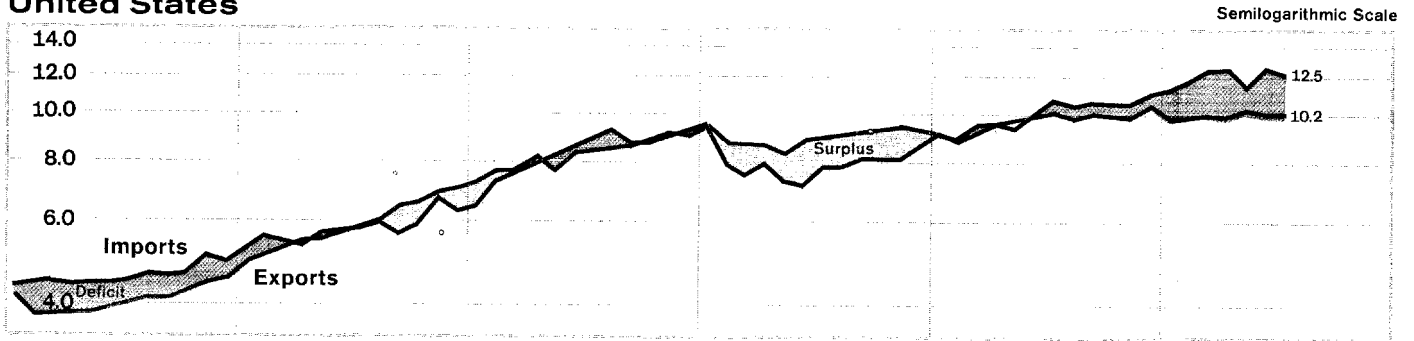
Million US \$

	Exports to (f.o.b.)						Imports from (c.i.f.)					
	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC ²	Com-munist	Other	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC ²	Com-munist	Other
ITALY												
1974	30,252	13,894	7,135	2,238	2,701	4,284	40,682	17,949	6,394	9,384	2,513	4,442
1975	34,825	15,626	7,519	3,718	3,228	4,734	37,928	17,284	6,189	7,854	2,431	4,170
1976	35,364	16,698	8,276	4,027	2,592	3,771	41,789	18,585	7,755	7,831	3,000	4,618
1st Qtr	7,398	3,513	1,713	756	597	819	9,092	4,063	1,708	1,689	608	1,024
2d Qtr	8,705	4,157	2,040	951	623	934	10,716	4,786	1,918	2,092	744	1,176
3d Qtr	9,398	4,505	2,191	1,057	657	988	10,335	4,497	1,860	2,035	792	1,151
4th Qtr	9,863	4,523	2,332	1,263	715	1,030	11,646	5,239	2,269	2,015	856	1,267
1977												
1st Qtr	9,668	4,520	2,264	1,236	655	993	11,299	4,964	2,130	2,166	720	1,319
Apr & May	7,480	3,435	1,719	981	540	805	8,523	3,829	1,561	1,605	523	1,005
CANADA ⁴												
1974	32,390	26,827	1,970	626	851	2,116	32,408	25,965	1,508	2,613	343	1,979
1975	31,778	25,885	1,753	827	1,255	2,058	34,050	27,181	1,579	3,126	311	1,853
1976	37,746	31,415	2,048	930	1,270	2,083	37,922	30,383	1,661	3,171	363	2,344
1st Qtr	8,539	7,197	424	167	334	417	9,159	7,331	367	843	85	533
2d Qtr	10,015	8,441	496	183	345	550	10,290	8,175	421	954	95	645
3d Qtr	9,216	7,486	568	271	354	537	8,834	6,965	433	716	91	629
4th Qtr	9,976	8,291	560	309	237	579	9,639	7,912	440	658	92	537
1977												
1st Qtr	9,672	8,201	524	248	231	468	9,640	7,850	391	742	87	570
2d Qtr	10,740	9,055	540	278	292	575	10,841	9,007	430	677	96	631

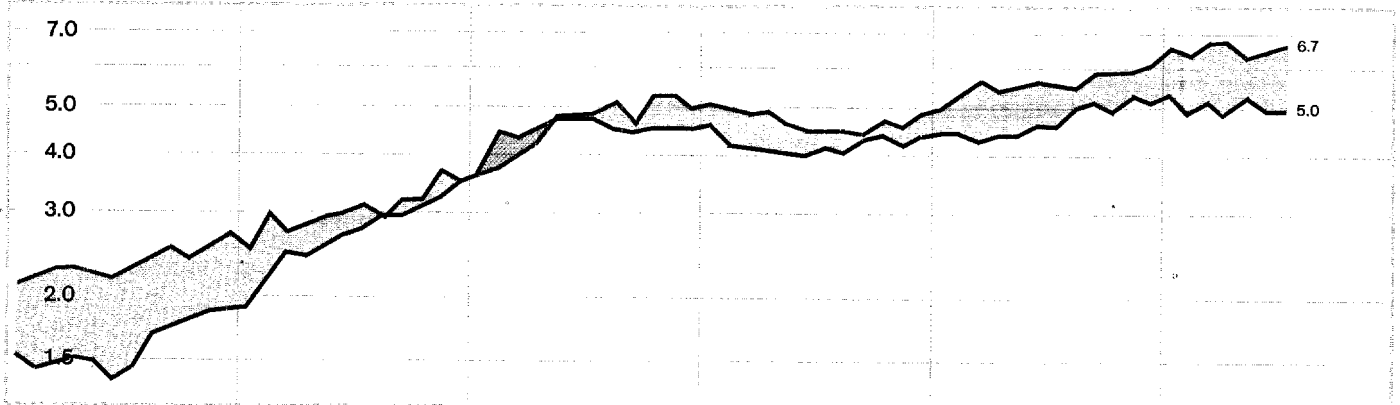
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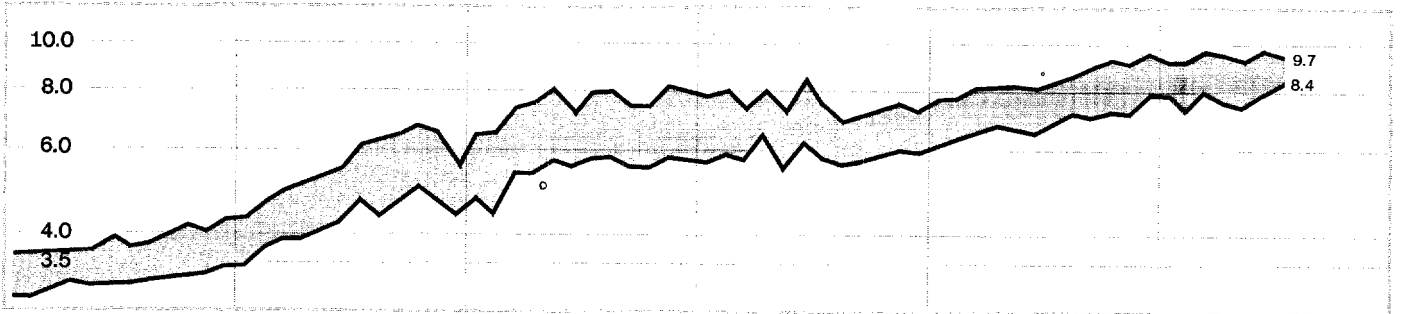
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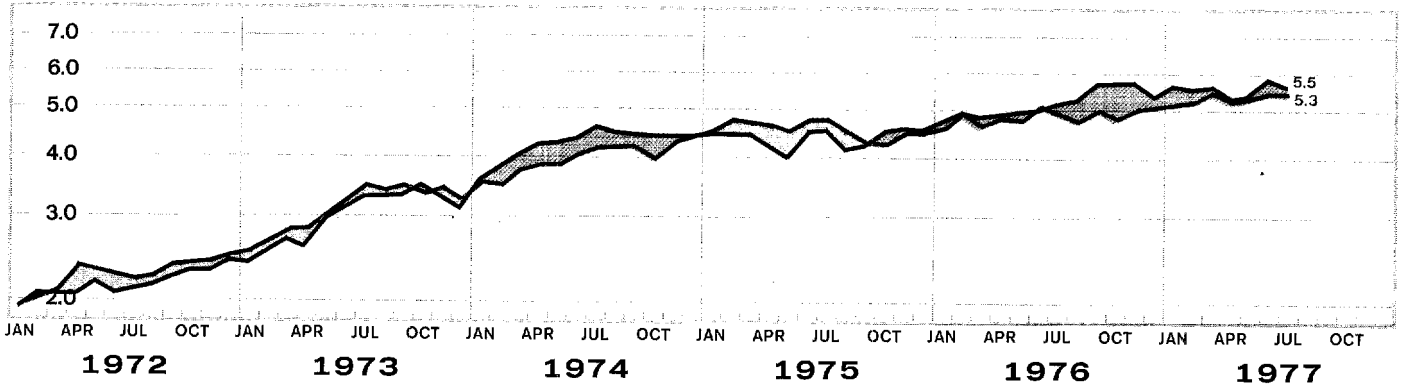
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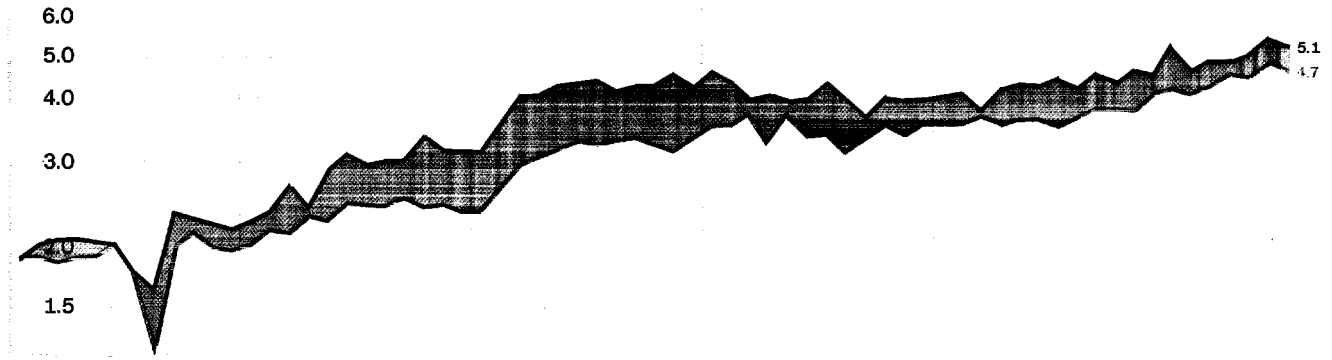


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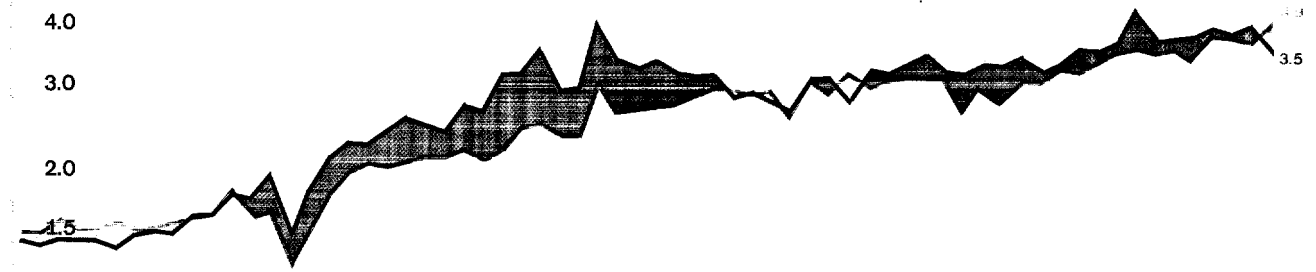


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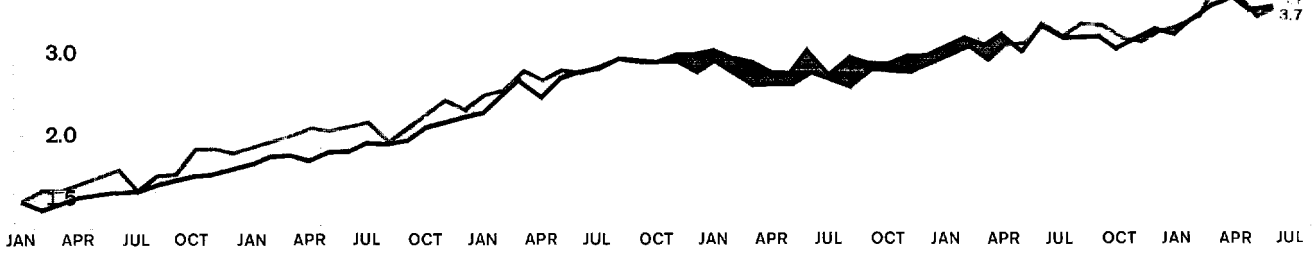
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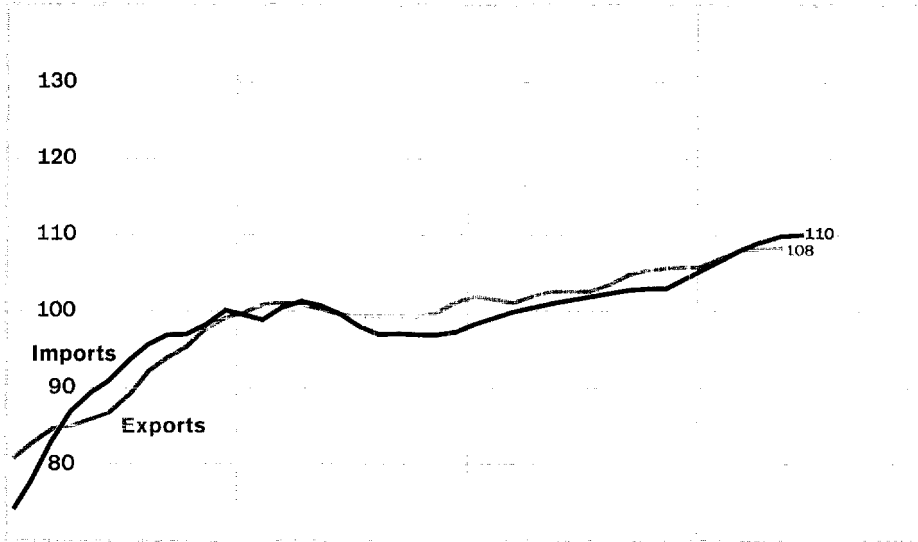
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United States	JUL 77	10,150	70,105	65,646	6.8%	United Kingdom	JUL 77	4,675	31,142	25,155	23.8%
	Balance	12,476	85,019	67,199	26.5%		Balance	5,116	34,461	28,885	19.3%
Japan	JUL 77	6,651	45,468	37,169	22.3%	Italy	JUN 77	3,924	21,624	17,087	26.6%
	Balance	4,950	35,179	30,759	14.4%		Balance	3,505	22,216	19,096	16.3%
West Germany	JUL 77	9,657	66,317	56,282	17.8%	Canada	JUN 77	3,719	22,475	18,774	19.7%
	Balance	8,384	54,989	46,344	18.7%		Balance	3,703	21,728	18,940	14.7%
France	JUL 77	5,322	36,461	32,821	11.1%	Balance	16	747	-166	912	
	Balance	5,480	38,287	33,873	13.0%						
	Balance	-158	-1,826	-1,052	-7.7%						

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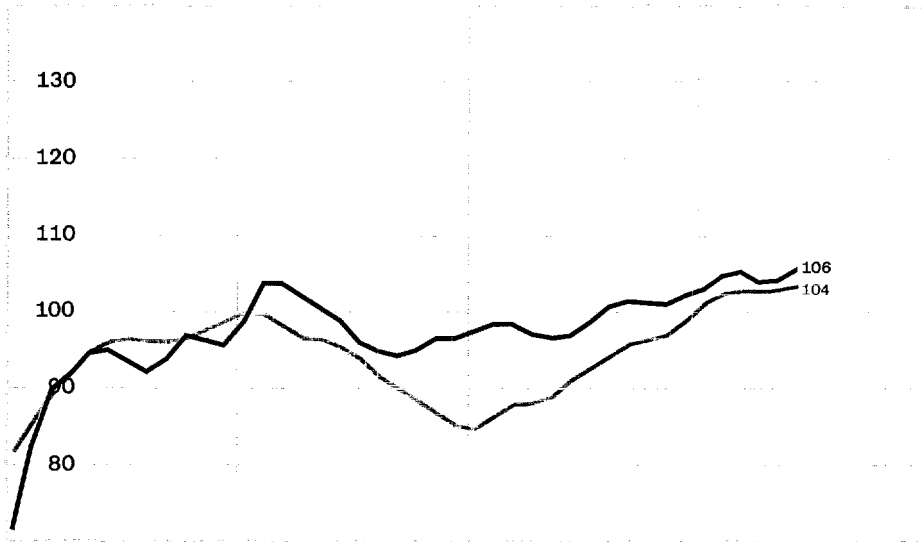
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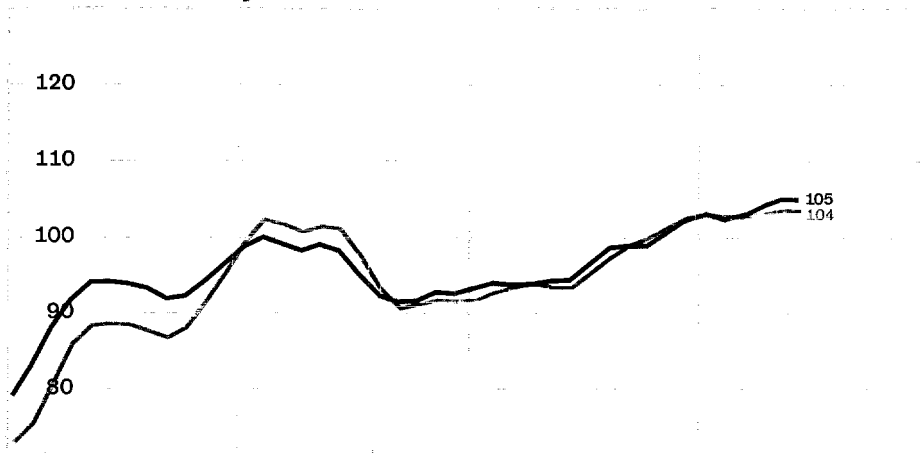
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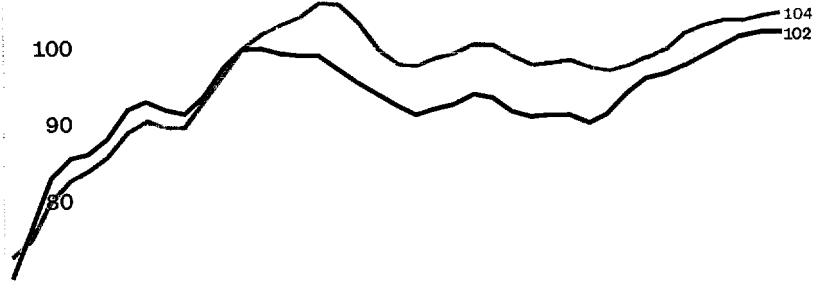
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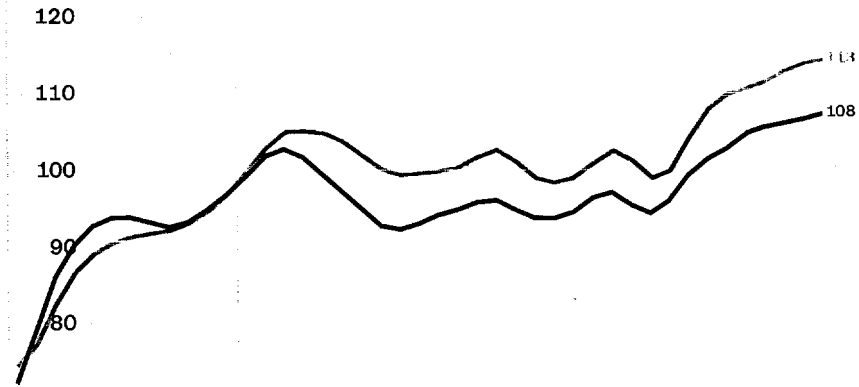
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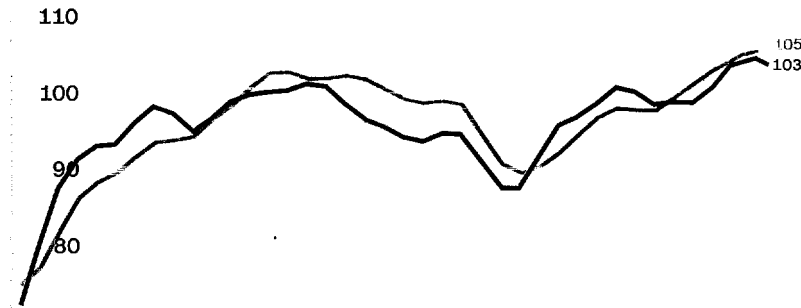
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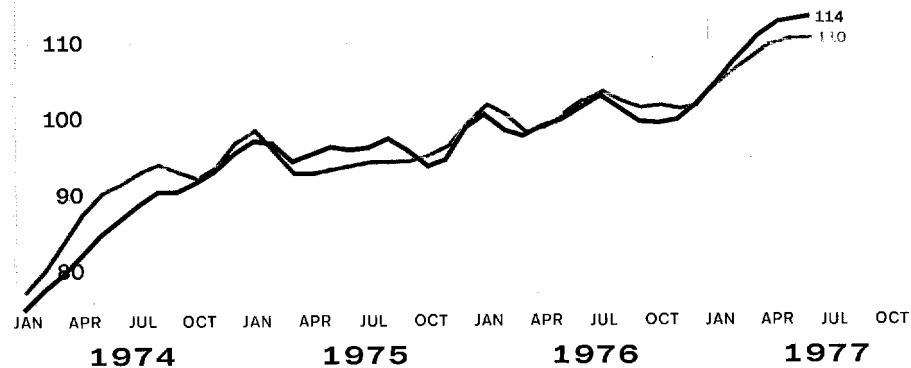
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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION ¹

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
Brazil	76 II	0.1	11.0	10.7	0.4
India	Feb 77	3.5	5.5	6.9	18.7
South Korea	Jun 77	8.3	22.7	14.3	21.6
Mexico	Apr 77	0.6	5.6	0.4	17.5
Nigeria	76 IV	0.2	11.3	9.0	0.7
Taiwan	Apr 77	1.9	14.9	12.7	-8.4

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

MONEY SUPPLY ¹

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier ²
Brazil	Jan 77	-3.1	35.5	28.2	49.6
Egypt	Apr 77	1.2	18.6	23.0	45.3
India	Mar 77	1.8	12.3	20.5	16.6
Iran	Mar 77	14.5	30.4	52.2	41.1
South Korea	May 77	3.4	31.3	35.0	59.6
Mexico	Jun 76	-0.3	17.0	16.6	19.6
Nigeria	Feb 77	5.9	35.9	54.8	65.1
Taiwan	Mar 77	-0.2	24.4	21.2	24.0
Thailand	Feb 77	4.0	13.6	17.1	12.9

¹ Seasonally adjusted.

² Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

CONSUMER PRICES

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since	
			Percent Change	
			1970	1 Year Earlier
Brazil	Apr 77	3.3	26.6	44.4
India	Mar 77	0.6	8.2	9.1
Iran	May 77	2.6	12.4	29.3
South Korea	Jun 77	1.0	14.6	10.1
Mexico	Jun 77	1.2	14.7	32.5
Nigeria	Jan 77	4.5	15.0	13.5
Taiwan	May 77	0.4	10.4	3.0
Thailand	Mar 77	0.6	8.4	3.0

WHOLESALE PRICES

	Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since	
			Percent Change	
			1970	1 Year Earlier
Brazil	Apr 77	4.3	27.3	45.9
India	Mar 77	0.2	9.3	11.9
Iran	May 77	1.8	11.0	22.2
South Korea	Jun 77	0.8	16.6	9.1
Mexico	Jun 77	1.0	16.5	50.9
Taiwan	May 77	0	9.2	4.4
Thailand	Mar 77	0.9	10.0	2.7

EXPORT PRICES

US \$

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			Percent Change		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
Brazil	Oct 76	-0.4	14.5	26.5	17.0
India	Sep 76	-3.8	9.2	6.4	-6.6
Iran	May 77	0	36.5	18.6	0
South Korea	77 I	1.7	8.8	11.9	6.9
Nigeria	May 76	-0.1	33.2	8.2	6.6
Taiwan	May 77	0.4	12.3	9.4	14.7
Thailand	Dec 76	2.0	13.3	13.1	77.7

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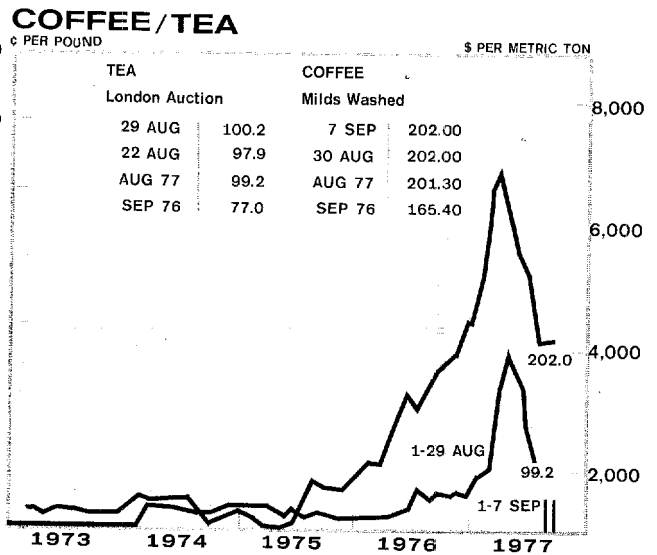
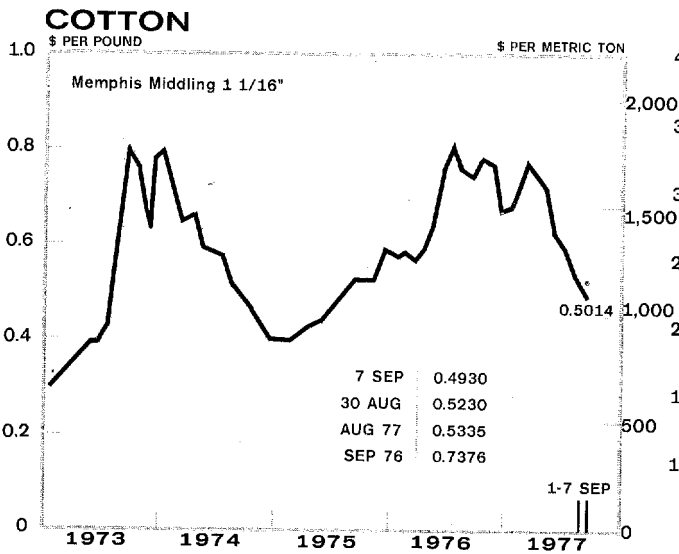
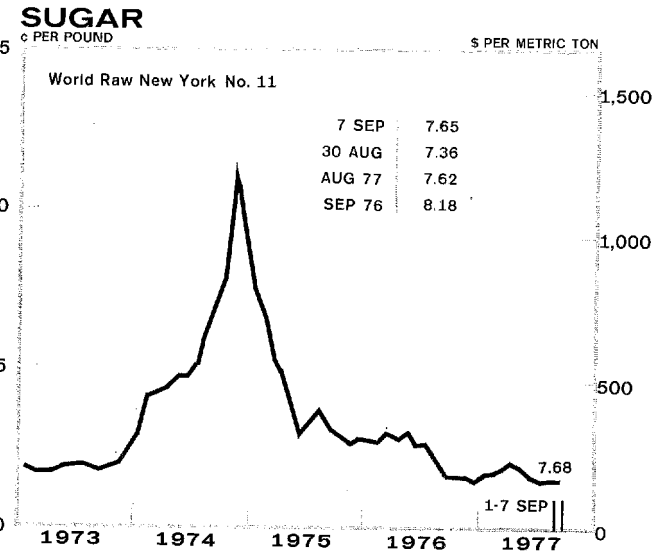
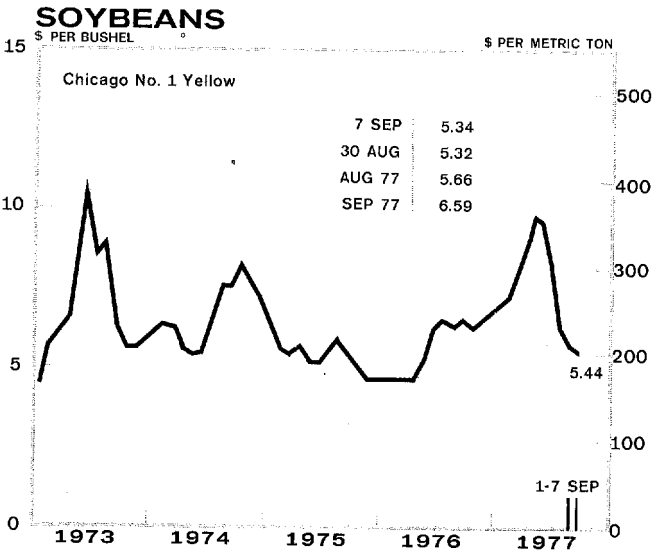
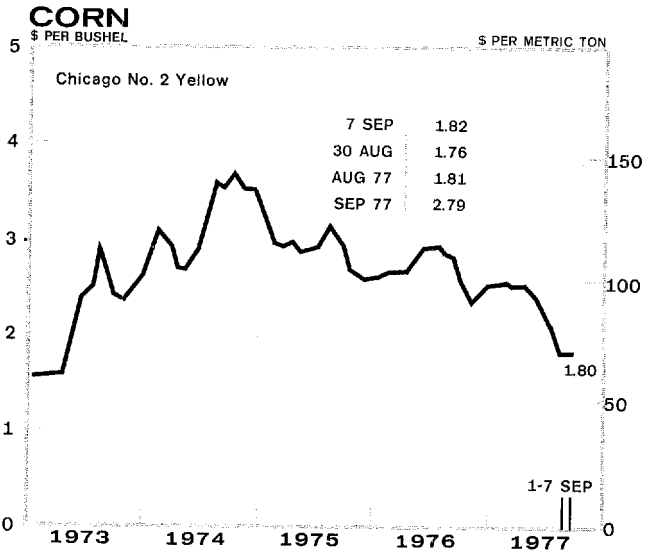
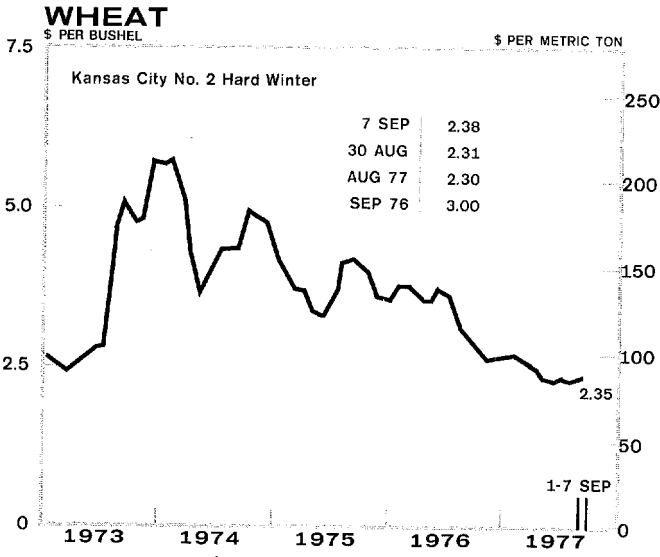
	Latest Month	Million US \$	Million US \$		
			Average		
			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
Brazil	Feb 77	5,873	1,013	3,667	5,139
Egypt	Apr 77	405	155	375	389
India	May 77	4,431	1,006	2,258	3,481
Iran	Jun 77	11,025	208	8,621	10,355
South Korea	May 77	3,519	602	1,911	2,872
Mexico	Mar 76	1,501	695	1,479	1,533
Nigeria	May 77	4,740	148	6,087	4,937
Taiwan	Apr 77	1,289	531	1,146	1,581
Thailand	Jun 77	2,017	978	1,896	1,981

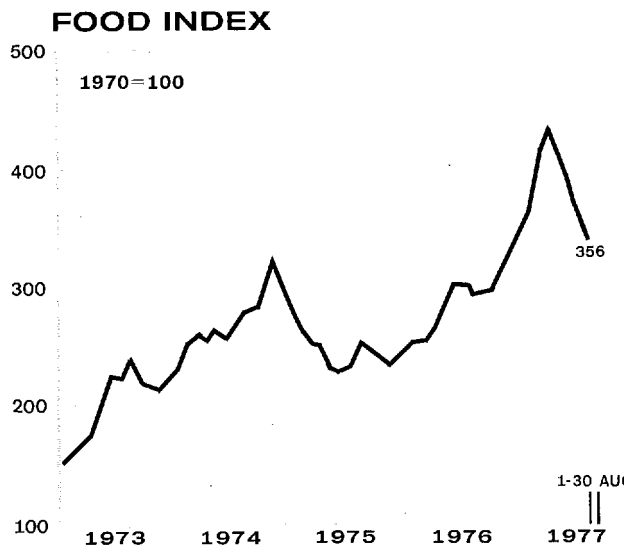
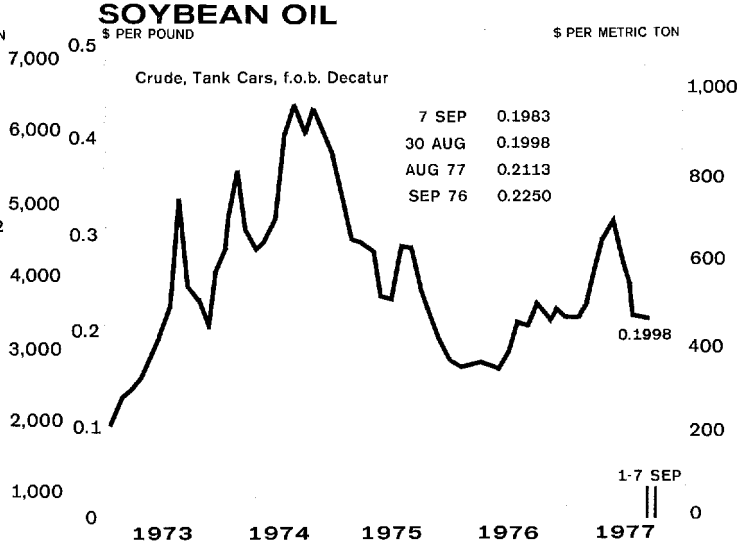
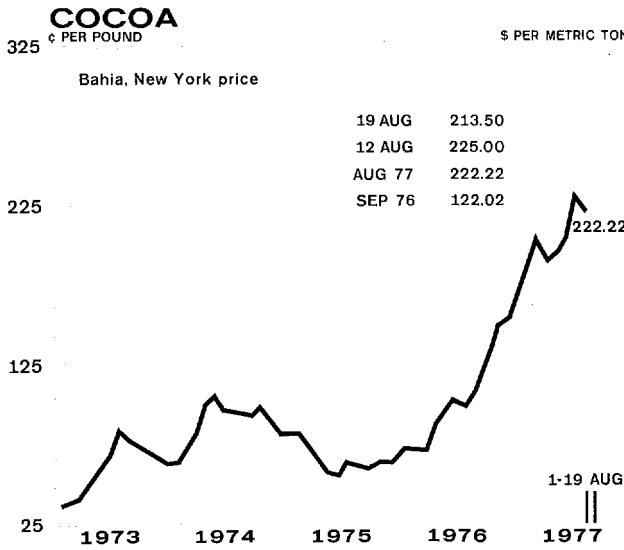
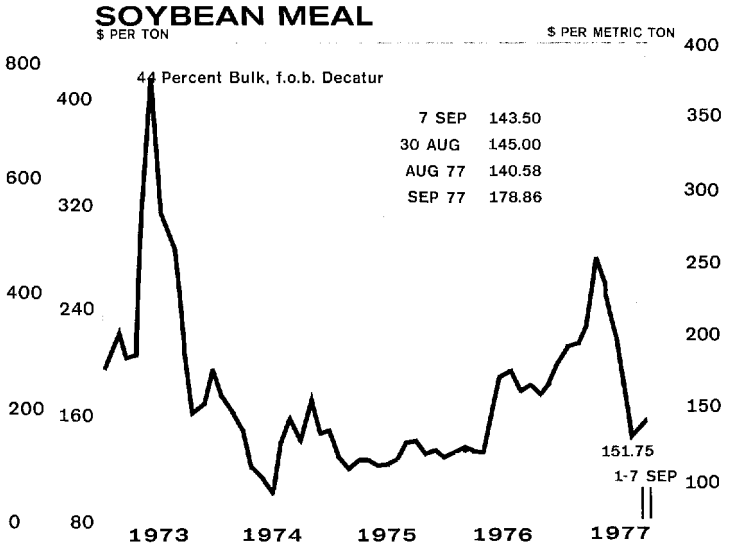
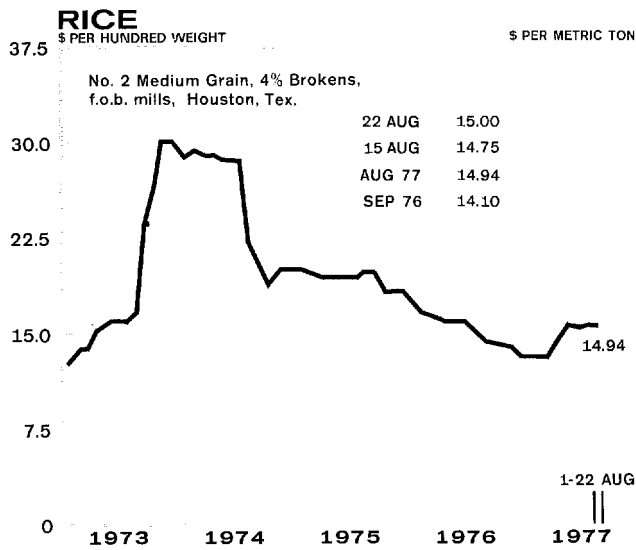
FOREIGN TRADE, f.o.b.

			Latest 3 Months Percent Change from		Cumulative (Million US \$)		
Latest Period			3 Months Earlier ¹	1 Year Earlier	1977	1976	Change
Brazil	Apr 77	Exports	-1.2	38.6	13,904	11,244	23.7%
	Apr 77	Imports	-11.5	-1.1	16,077	16,064	0.1%
	Apr 77	Balance			-2,173	-4,821	2,648
Egypt	76 IV	Exports	-97.9	-47.8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	76 IV	Imports	-93.5	-54.7	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	76 IV	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
India	Mar 77	Exports	77.7	11.2	6,496	5,612	15.7%
	Mar 77	Imports	-18.2	3.2	5,650	6,595	-14.3%
	Mar 77	Balance			845	-982	1,828
Iran	May 77	Exports	32.1	14.4	34,022	28,883	17.8%
	Mar 77	Imports	135.4	9.1	15,148	12,200	24.2%
	Mar 77	Balance			14,710	12,956	1,754
South Korea	May 77	Exports	60.8	29.6	11,347	7,632	48.7%
	May 77	Imports	106.6	27.4	11,661	9,562	21.9%
	May 77	Balance			-313	-1,931	1,617
Mexico	May 77	Exports	25.9	28.9	5,071	4,240	19.6%
	May 77	Imports	-33.8	-23.1	7,665	8,728	-12.2%
	May 77	Balance			-2,594	-4,488	1,894
Nigeria	Apr 77	Exports	-25.0	5.2	13,706	11,320	21.1%
	Dec 76	Imports	83.0	6.6	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Dec 76	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Taiwan	May 77	Exports	2.6	17.5	11,519	8,305	38.7%
	May 77	Imports	51.7	21.7	10,091	8,199	23.1%
	May 77	Balance			1,427	105	1,322
Thailand	Jan 77	Exports	66.6	45.2	3,282	2,420	35.6%
	Mar 77	Imports	26.3	21.9	4,198	3,748	12.0%
	Jan 77	Balance			-283	-825	541

¹ At annual rates.

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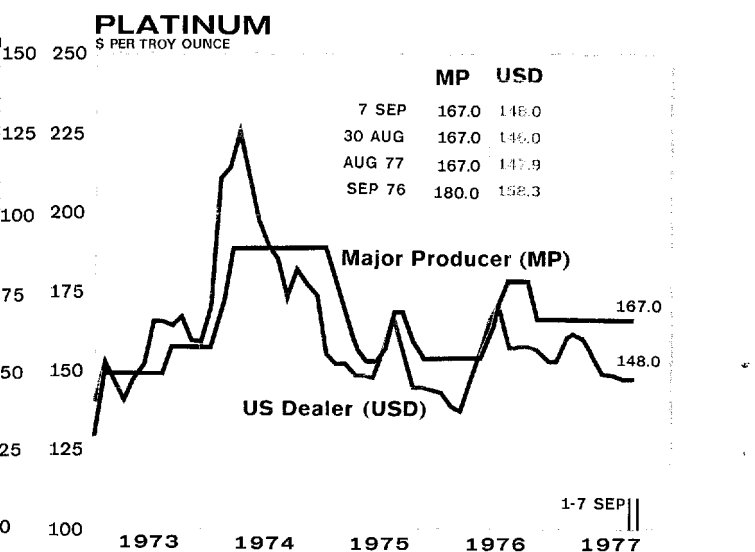
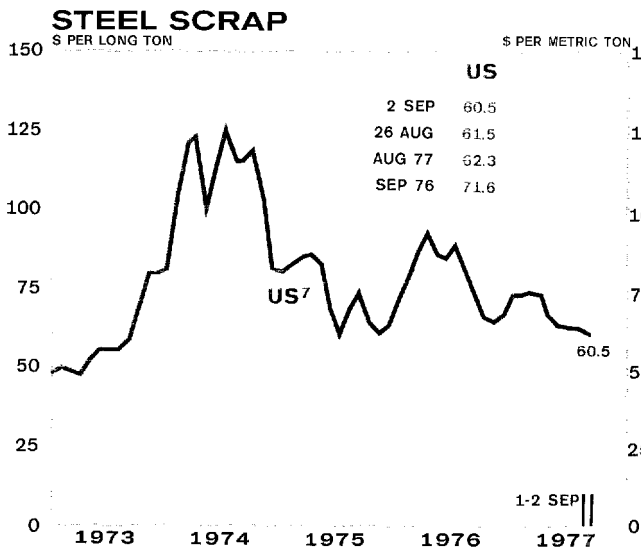
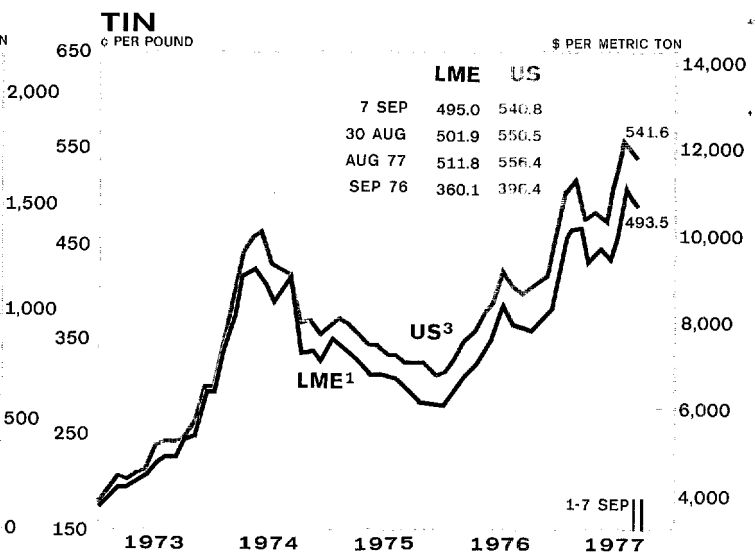
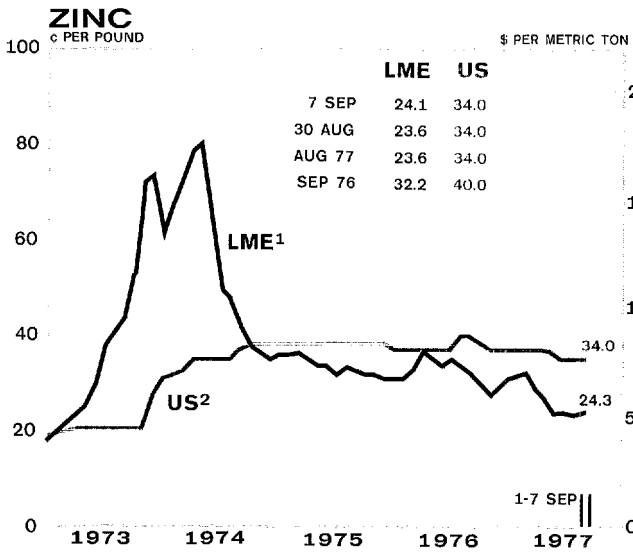
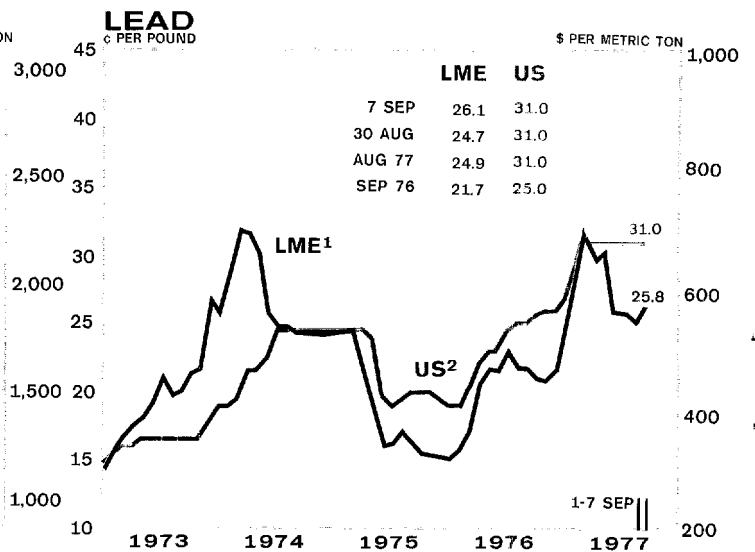
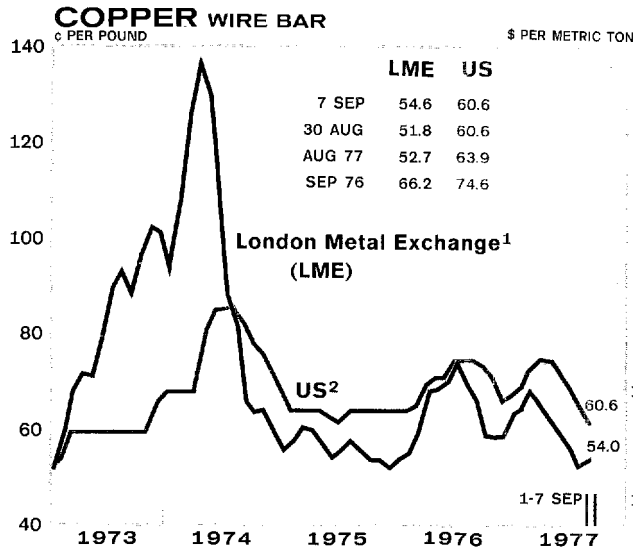




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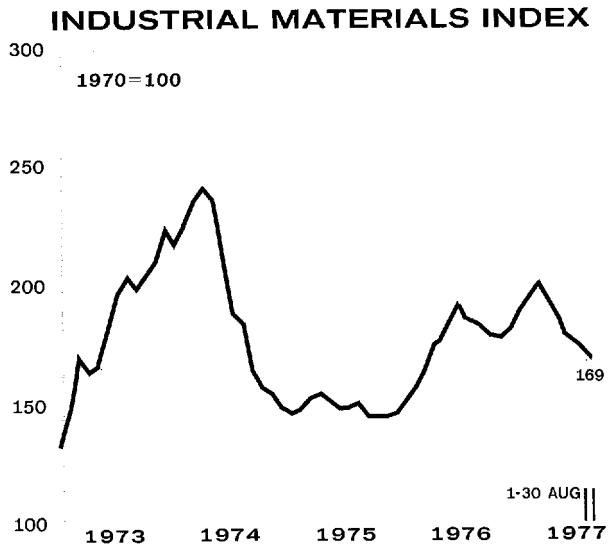
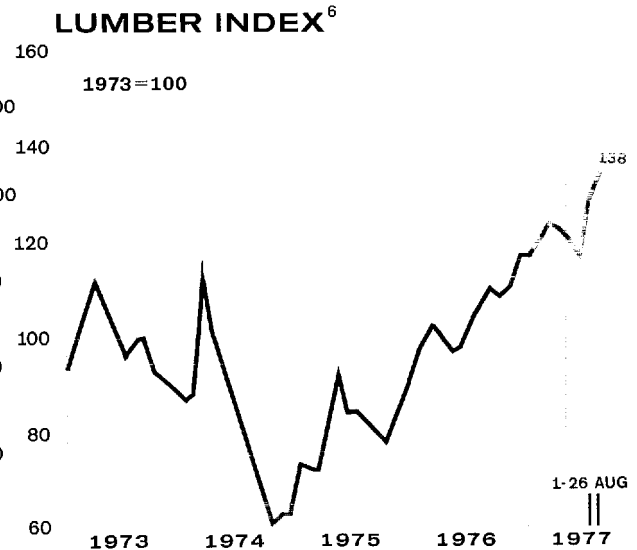
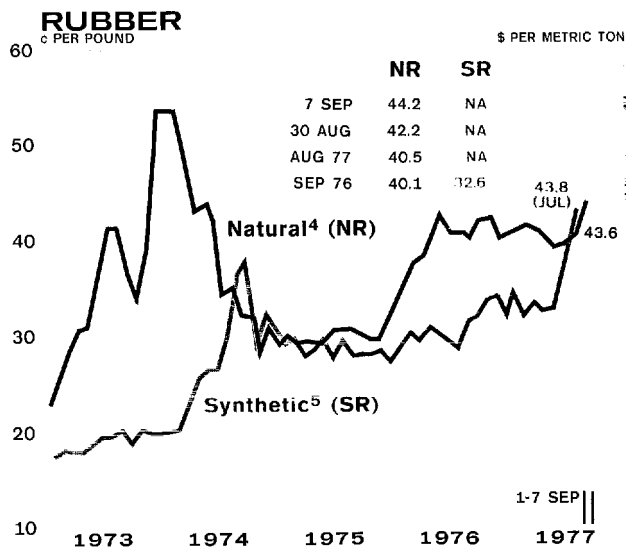
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INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES MONTHLY AVERAGE CASH PRICE



SELECTED MATERIALS

			CURRENT	MAR 77	SEP 76	SEP 75
ALUMINUM	Major US Producer	£ per pound	53.00	49.17	48.00	41.00
US STEEL	Composite	\$ per long ton	359.36	339.27	327.00	290.33
IRON ORE	Non-Bessemer Old Range	\$ per long ton	21.43	21.43	20.51	18.75
CHROME ORE	Russian, Metallurgical Grade	\$ per metric ton	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
CHROME ORE	S. Africa, Chemical Grade	\$ per long ton	58.50	58.50	42.00	44.50
FERROCHROME	US Producer, 66-70 Percent	£ per pound	41.00	43.00	44.00	53.50
NICKEL	Composite US Producer	\$ per pound	2.11	2.41	2.24	2.20
MANGANESE ORE	48 Percent Mn	\$ per long ton	72.00	72.00	72.00	67.20
TUNGSTEN ORE	65 Percent WO ₃	\$ per short ton	9,375.92	10,534.69	7,502.70	5,241.58
MERCURY	NY	\$ per 76 pound flask	115.00	173.20	116.90	138.10
SILVER	LME Cash	£ per troy ounce	445.66	486.01	428.96	449.50
GOLD	London Afternoon Fixing Price	\$ per troy ounce	145.99	148.23	114.14	144.09



- ¹Approximates world market price frequently used by major world producers and traders, although only small quantities of these metals are actually traded on the LME.
- ²Producers' price, covers most primary metals sold in the US.
- ³As of 1 Dec 75, US tin price quoted is "Tin NY lb composite."
- ⁴Quoted on New York market.
- ⁵S-type styrene, US export price.
- ⁶This index is compiled by using the average of 13 types of lumber whose prices are regarded as "bell wethers" of US lumber construction costs.
- ⁷Composite price for Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

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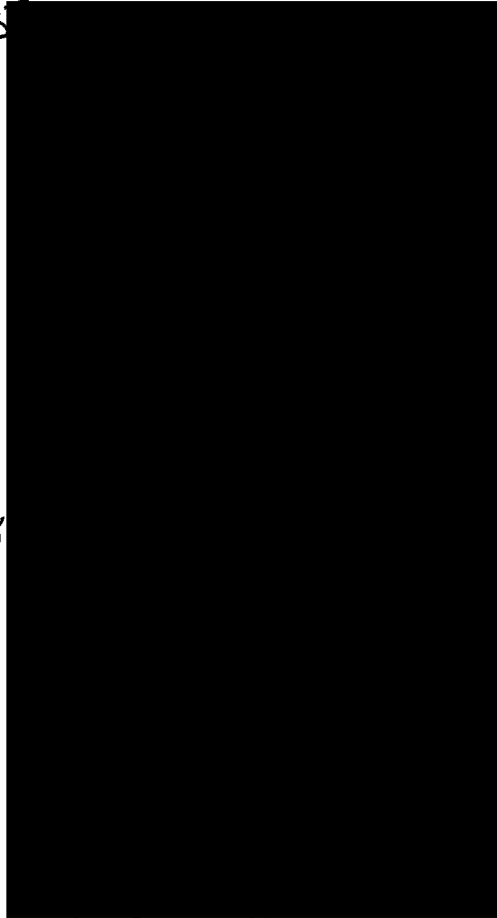
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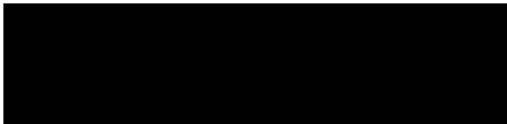
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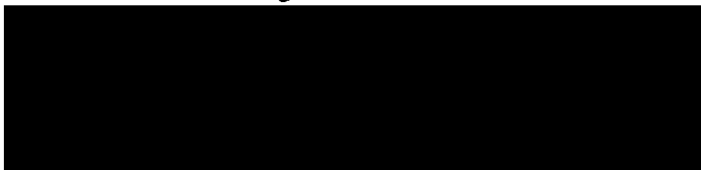


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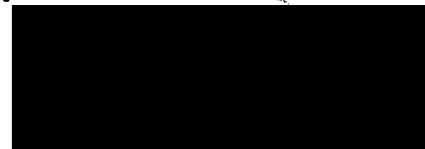
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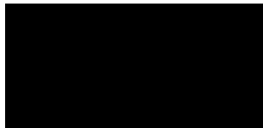
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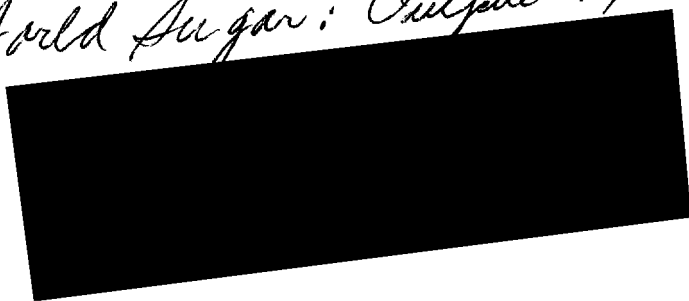
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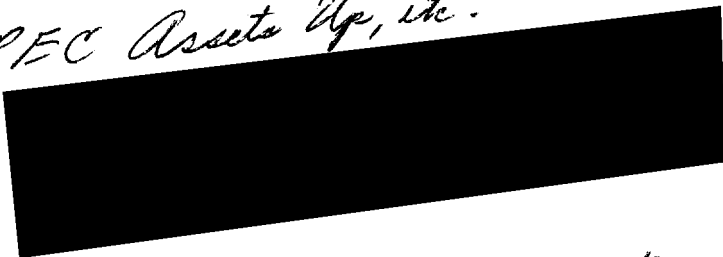
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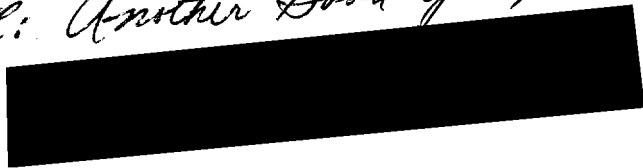
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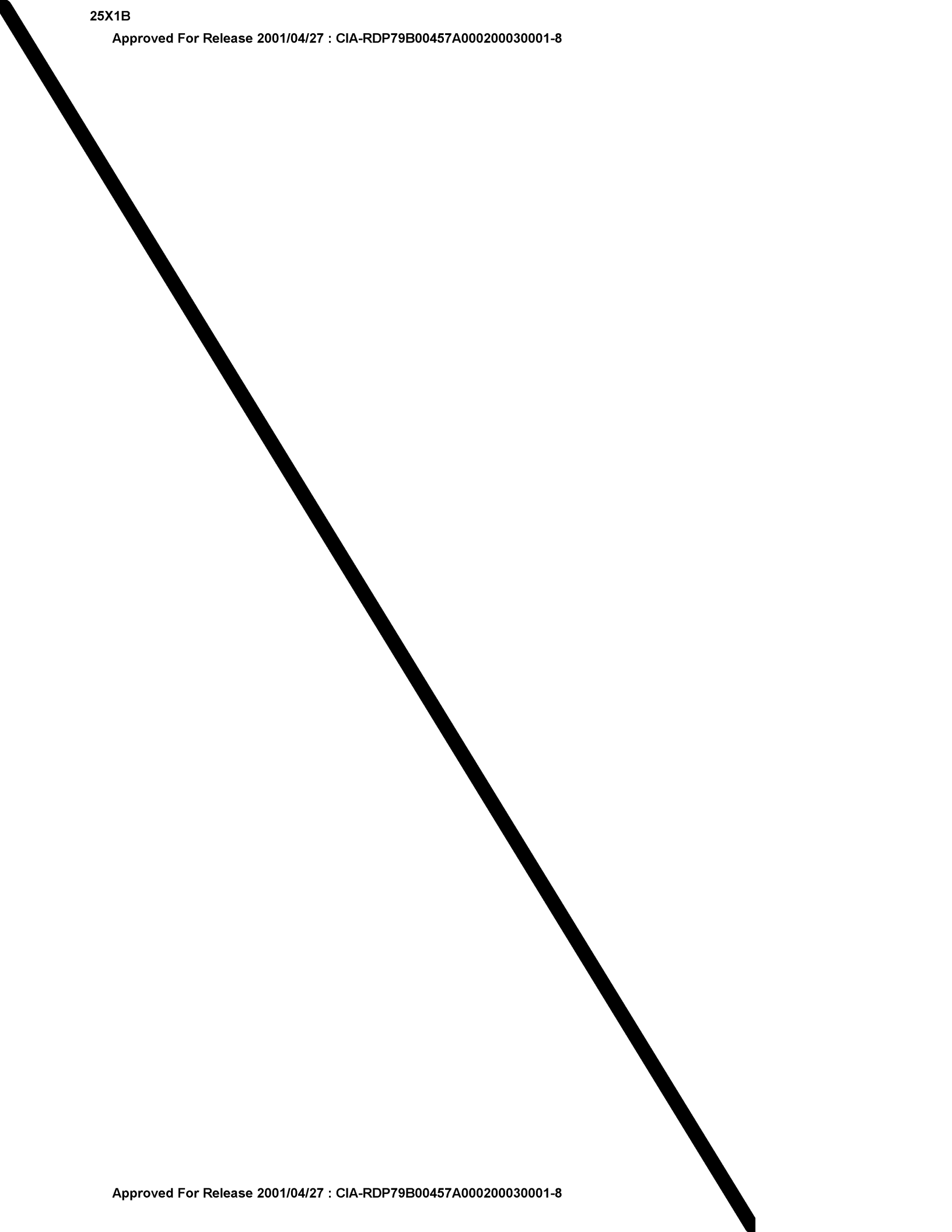
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