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## MONETARY POLICY ALTERNATIVES

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## MONETARY POLICY ALTERUATIVES

## Recent Developments

(1) In light of information suggesting added risk of a pronounced weakening in the economic expansion, pressures on reserve markets were eased in two separate steps during the intermeeting period. ${ }^{1}$ The federal funds rate, which was a bit above 9 percent at the time of the October meeting, is currently around $8-1 / 2$ percent. The borrowing objective was reduced in stages from $\$ 550$ million at the time of the last FOMC meeting to $\$ 250$ million, reflecting declines totaling $\$ 100 \mathrm{million}$ to effect the easing of policy and $\$ 200$ million to take account of trends in seasonal borrowing. (Seasonal credit has continued to drop steeply, from $\$ 430$ million immediately preceding the FOMC meeting to $\$ 160$ million in the first week of the current maintenance period.) Borrowing was boosted over the long Columbus Day weekend and ran above its allowance for the first maintenance period. Since then, however, borrowing has generally come in below the reduced path allowances, and is running at $\$ 185 \mathrm{mili}$ ion through the first week of this maintenance period.
(2) The easing of policy--only a portion of which had been anticipated by the market--and evidence of a sluggish economy caused market participants to mark down their expectations of interest rates for some time into the future. Thus, not only did most short-term rates

[^1]decline roughly in line with the $1 / 2$ point drop in the federal funds rate, but rates on one-year Treasury bills and Treasury notes fell by similar amounts; bond yields dropped somewhat less. Disruptions to bill auctions and pressures arising from substantial incoming supplies of cash-management bills limited the declines in short-term Treasury bill rates: for example, rates on 3 -month Treasury bills are about unchanged over the intermeeting period. Rates on fixed-rate mortgages in both primary and secondary markets fell about in line with Treasury bond yields.
(3) The generally rising prices elsewhere in financial markets were not apparent in the equity and junk bond sectors. Amid growing indications of a softer economy and declining corporate profits, as well as difficulties of previously restructured firms, investors began questioning the earnings and cash-flow projections underpinning highly leveraged financing and equity valuation. Evidence that financing for share buyouts would be less readily available helped to precipitate a sharp decline in stock prices on October 13, just days after stock price indexes set new highs. An initial, partial recovery of stock prices was subsequently reversed, leaving most averages more than 5 percent lower over the intermeeting period. In the junk bond market, lower quality issues suffered the deepest losses, and average spreads versus Treasury yields widened further from the record levels seen in September.
(4) The weighted average value of the dollar in terms of other G-10 currencies declined about 1-1/4 percent over the intermeeting period. The dollar was generally buoyant early in the period, despite and a round of official interest rate
increases in Europe. The dollar reached its high on October 11, the day the Bank of Japan raised its discount rate. Following the October 13 stock market drop, the dollar moved lower. Market expectations of further interest rate hikes abroad, along with additional easing by the Federal Reserve, contributed to this softness. The continued volatility of stock prices and more general concerns about financial fragility may have helped push gold prices to their highest levels since midsumer.
. Desk sales totaled $\$ 1.2$ billion against marks and yen, all in the first ten days of the period.
(5) Growth of all three monetary aggregates picked up in October. M2 expanded at an 8 percent rate last month, above the $6-1 / 2$ percent growth rate specified by the Committee for the September-to-December period, as M1 growth jumped to a 10 percent rate. A surge in demand deposits early in October--perhaps as compensating balances adjusted to earlier rate declines--contributed to the unanticipated strength. Growth of the retail-type components of M 2 slowed from their average pace in August and September, consistent with waning effects of earlier declines in interest rates. Money market mutual funds reportedly benefited somewhat from shifts out of junk bond funds, but their growth for the month was in line with past experience based on movements in relative interest rates, suggesting that the unusual shifts did not add a great deal to overall M2 growth. Since the fourth quarter of last year, M2 has increased at a 4-1/4 percent rate and stands in the lower half of its 1989 target range.
(6) M3 expanded at a 4-1/4 percent rate in October, well above the pace of the preceding two months, and close to the Committee's expected growth rate of 4-1/2 percent from September to December. Bank credit expansion strengthened substantially in October. Although a portion of this was financed by M2 deposit transfers from failed thrifts arranged by RTC, banks also turned to issuance of large CDs, boosting M3 growth. Asset runoffs at capital-deficient thrifts and associated declines in RPs and large CDs seem to have depressed M3 growth about as much as they had in August and September.
(7) Partial data suggest that nonfinancial debt grew at around an 8 percent rate in October, about maintaining the pace of the third quarter and keeping this aggregate in the middle of its monitoring range. Business debt growth apparently picked up last month, despite a dropoff in equity retirements. Lower yields sparked a strengthening of corporate bond issuance, while shorter-term business borrowing was little changed, as a falloff in comercial paper issuance about offset faster C\&I lending by banks. In the household sector, data on consumer credit indicated no growth in September, but this weakness may reflect difficulties in seasonal adjustment; consumer lending by banks, adjusted for securitization, expanded at about a 10 percent rate in both September and October. Real estate lending at commercial banks slowed a little in October from the brisk pace of September, but issuance of pass-through securities by federal agencies remained robust.

MONEY, CREDIT, AND RESERVE AGGRPGATES (Seasonally adjusted annual rates of growth)
$\left.\begin{array}{llll}\hline & & & \begin{array}{c}\text { QIV'88 } \\ \text { to pe }\end{array} \\ \text { Money and credit aggregates } \\ \text { October }\end{array}\right)$
pe - preliminary estimate.

1. Includes "other extended credit" from the Federal Reserve. NOTE: Monthly reserve measures, including excess reserves and borrowing, are calculated by prorating averages for two-week reserve maintenance periods that overlap months.

## Policy Alternatives

(8) Two alternatives are presented below for Comittee considera-
tion. In alternative $B$, federal funds would continue to trade around 8-1/2 percent, a level expected to be associated with adjustment plus seasonal borrowing of $\$ 200$ million. In alternative $A$, a federal funds rate around 8 percent would be accompanied by a borrowing assumption of $\$ 100$ million. The $\$ 100$ million difference between the alternatives' borrowing assumptions still seems appropriate in light of the reduced sensitivity of borrowing as it nears frictional levels. Both borrowing levels embody a downward technical adjustment of $\$ 50$ million from the current $\$ 250$ million allowance in recognition of recent and anticipated further seasonal declines in seasonal borrowing. Continuing uncertainty about borrowing behavior, however, still appears to justify flexibility in the Desk's approach to the borrowing objective.
(9) Market interest rates generally are expected to remain around current levels under the unchanged reserve market conditions of alternative B. The structure of market interest rates appears to embody another slight easing of monetary policy, but most probably not until late this year or early next year. In addition, impressions of a sluggish economy, consistent with data flows likely under the staff forecast, may continue to foster expectations of future policy easing, even if federal funds rates remain near $8-1 / 2$ percent. Unlike most other rates, those on shortterm Treasury bills may drop once the large supply of cash management bills is absorbed into portfolios, with the 3 -month bill rate moving down toward 7-1/2 percent. The exchange value of the dollar could exhibit
little net change over the intermeeting period under alternative $B$, though any policy tightening abroad may tend to exert downward pressure on the dollar.
(10) The $1 / 2$ percentage point reduction in the federal funds rate under alternative $A$ would come sooner and be larger than market participants are now expecting. Rates on other short-term instruments would decline by nearly the same amount, with the 3 -month bill rate dropping ultimately toward the 7 percent area. In response to the further narrowing of differentials between U.S. and foreign interest rates, the exchange value of the dollar could be expected to adjust downward. Bond yields probably would decline noticeably under alternative $A$; market participants may interpret an immediate further easing as suggesting a more aggressive policy posture by the Federal Reserve, and perhaps an assessment of substantial underlying weakening in the economy. However, should incoming data show the economy continuing to advance at its recent pace over coming months, in the context of a weaker dollar, the cumulative effect of past easing measures and alternative $A$ over a short time might be viewed as setting the stage for a subsequent strengthening of the economy, raising questions about prospects for prices.
(11) Anticipated growth of the monetary aggregates under the two alternatives is shown in the table below. (More detailed data appear in the table and charts on the following pages.) Under either alternative, M2 and M3 are projected to finish the year within their annual ranges, with M2 near the midpoint of its range and M3 somewhat above the lower bound of its range.

| Growth from September <br> to December |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| M2 | 8 | $7-1 / 2$ |
| M3 | $4-3 / 4$ | $4-1 / 2$ |
| M1 | 8 | $7-1 / 2$ |
|  |  |  |
| Implied growth from |  |  |
| Q4'88 to Q4'89 |  |  |
|  |  | $4-1 / 2$ |
| M2 | $3-3 / 4$ | $3-3 / 4$ |
| M3 | $1 / 2$ | $1 / 2$ |
| M1 |  | 7 to 11 |

(12) Even under the unchanged interest rates of alternative B, M2 growth would remain close to last month's brisk pace, buoyed by recent declines in market interest rates and opportunity costs. Under this alternative, $M 2$ is expected to expand at a $7-1 / 4$ percent average annual rate in November and December; growth from September to December and on a fourth-quarter average basis would be $7-1 / 2$ percent. This combines with the staff's nominal GNP projection of 5 percent for the quarter to imply a 2-1/2 percent rate of decline in M2 velocity, roughly consistent with model-based forecasts incorporating the recent reductions in opportunity costs. M1 is projected to slow to a $6-1 / 4$ percent rate in the last two months of the year from the elevated pace of October. ${ }^{2}$ Representing a partial offset, however, inflows to nontransaction retail deposits are seen as strengthening somewhat this month and next, as the effects of the recent policy easings take hold.

[^2]Alternative Levels and Growth Rates for Key Monetary Aggregates

| Levels in billions |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1989 July | 3117.6 | 3117.6 | 4003.3 | 4003.3 | 777.2 | 777.2 |
| August | 3136.4 | 3136.4 | 4010.6 | 4010.6 | 777.7 | 777.7 |
| September | 3156.0 | 3156.0 | 4013.5 | 4013.5 | 781.4 | 781.4 |
| October | 3176.9 | 3176.9 | 4027.7 | 4027.7 | 787.9 | 787.9 |
| November | 3198.1 | 3197.0 | 4044.1 | 4043.5 | 791.9 | 791.5 |
| December | 3219.3 | 3215.6 | 4061.3 | 4059.3 | 797.1 | 796.1 |
| Monthly Growth Rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1989 July | 11.5 | 11.5 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 10.7 | 10.7 |
| August | 7.2 | 7.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| September | 7.5 | 7.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| October | 7.9 | 7.9 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| November | 8.0 | 7.6 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| December | 8.0 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 7.9 | 7.0 |
| Quarterly Ave. Growth Rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1988 Q4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| 1989 Q1 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Q2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 | -5.6 | -5.6 |
| Q3 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Q4 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 6.9 | 6.7 |
| Sept 89 to Dec. 89 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 8.0 | 7.5 |
| Oct. 89 to Dec. 89 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 6.3 |
| Q4 88 to Q3 89 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.8 | -1.5 | $-1.5$ |
| Q4 88 to Q4 89 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Q4 88 to Sept 89 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.6 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| Q4 88 to Oct. 89 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Q4 88 to Dec. 89 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 1989 Target Ranges: | 3.0 to 7.0 |  | 3.5 to 7.5 |  |  |  |

## ACTUAL AND TARGETED M2



## ACTUAL AND TARGETED M3




Chart 4

## DEBT


(13) M3 growth under alternative $B$ will continue to be damped by the ongoing shedding of assets by undercapitalized S\&Ls and by funds supplied through RTC resolutions. However, M3 is expected to grow in November and December a bit faster than in October, leaving expansion over the last three months of the year at a $4-1 / 2$ percent rate. The pace of decline in S\&L assets is expected to wane a little over the next two months from the extremely rapid pace of the last few months, and RTC resolutions should slow after the fiscal year-end spurt. As a consequence, outflows of large time deposits and term RPs at thrifts should abate somewhat. Commercial bank credit is likely to slow but expansion of managed liabilities will be maintained, in part to compensate for reduced RTC funds of thrift deposit transfers. Growth of domestic nonfinancial debt is expected to moderate to around 7 percent over the rest of the year, owing mainly to a slowing of federal government debt. This would leave the debt aggregate in the fourth quarter $8-1 / 4$ percent above its year-earlier level, close to the midpoint of its monitoring range.
(14) Under alternative A, growth of M2 and M3 through December would be boosted slightly by the associated decline in market interest rates and easing of lending conditions. September-to-December M2 and M3 growth would rise to 8 and $4-3 / 4$ percent rates, respectively.
(15) The recent easing, which would be maintained under alternative $B$, and any additional easing under alternative $A$, would have important effects on money growth in the first quarter of next year. Under alternative $B, M 2$ would expand around the 7 percent upper limit of its
tentative range in the early months of 1990. Alternative A likely would yield M2 growth noticeably above the upper end of the tentative growth cone, though well within the parallel lines. Under either alternative, M3 would grow in the lower half of the $3-1 / 2$ to $7-1 / 2$ tentative range for this aggregate.

## Directive Language

(16) Draft language for the operational paragraph, including the standard options and updating, is shown below.

## OPERATIONAL PARAGRAPH

In the implementation of policy for the immediate future, the Committee seeks to DECREASE SOMEWHAT (SLIGHTLY) / maintain/ INCREASE SOMEWHAT (SLIGHTLY) the existing degree of pressure on reserve positions. Taking account of progress toward price stability, the strength of the business expansion, the behavior of the monetary aggregates, and developments in foreign exchange and domestic financial markets, slightly (SOMEWHAT) greater reserve restraint might (WOULD) or slightly (SOMEWHAT) lesser reserve restraint (MIGHT) would be acceptable in the intermeeting period. The contemplated reserve conditions are expected to be consistent with growth of M2 and M3 over the period from September through
 respectively. The Chairman may call for Committee consultation if it appears to the Manager for Domestic Operations that reserve conditions during the period before the next meeting are likely to be associated with a federal funds rate persistently outside a range of _ TO _ 7 te $\ddagger$ t percent.

SELECTED INTEREST RATES
(percent)

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| 88 -- High | 8.87 | 8.16 | 8.26 | 8.40 | 9.33 | 9.41 | 8.18 | 10.50 | 9.16 | 9.36 | 9.42 | 10.73 | 8.34 | 11.33 | 10.81 | 8.54 |
| Low | 6.38 | 6.61 | 5.81 | 6.15 | 6.58 | 6.50 | 6.03 | 8.50 | 7.33 | 8.16 | 8.40 | 9.63 | 7.64 | 9.98 | 9.84 | 7.49 |
| 89 -- High | 9.95 | 9.04 | 9.07 | 8.86 | 10.23 | 9.98 | 9.19 | 11.50 | 9.77 | 9.46 | 9.26 | 10.47 | 7.95 | 11.73 | 11.22 | 8.41 |
| Low | 8.00 | 7.54 | 7.44 | 7.16 | 8.43 | 8.55 | 8.07 | 10.50 | 7.60 | 7.82 | 7.91 | 9.29 | 7.19 | 9.92 | 9.68 | 8.53 |
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| Now 88 | 8.35 | 7.76 | 7.86 | 7.87 | 8.78 | 8.38 | 7.64 | 10.05 | 8.72 | 8.96 | 9.02 | 10.12 | 7.80 | 10.56 | 10.27 | 8.15 |
| Dac 88 | 8.76 | 8.07 | 8.22 | 8.32 | 9.25 | 9.31 | 8.00 | 10.50 | 9.11 | 8.11 | 0.01 | 10.08 | 7.88 | 10.98 | 10.61 | 8.39 |
| Jan 89 | 9.12 | 8.27 | 8.38 | 8.37 | 9.20 | 9.03 | 8.33 | 10.50 | 9.20 | 9.09 | 8.93 | 10.09 | 7.63 | 10.97 | 10.73 | 8.55 |
| Feb 69 | 9.36 | 8.53 | 8.55 | 8.55 | 9.51 | 8.29 | 8.79 | 10.93 | 9.32 | 9.17 | 9.01 | 10.25 | 7.72 | 11.03 | 10.65 | 8.65 |
| Mar 89 | 9.85 | 8.82 | 8.85 | 8.82 | 10.09 | 9.88 | 8.89 | 11.50 | 9.61 | 9.36 | 9.17 | 10.37 | 7.85 | 11.47 | 11.03 | 9.09 |
| Apr 89 | 9.84 | 8.65 | 8.65 | 8.64 | 9.94 | 9.77 | 9.14 | 11.50 | 9.40 | 9.18 | 9.03 | 10.33 | 7.73 | 11.32 | 11.05 | 9.40 |
| May 89 | 9.81 | 8.43 | 8.41 | 8.31 | 9.59 | 9.57 | 9.13 | 11.50 | 8.98 | 8.86 | 8.83 | 10.09 | 7.51 | 10.90 | 10.77 | 9.30 |
| Jun 69 | 9.53 | 8.15 | 7.93 | 7.84 | 9.20 | 9.34 | 8.96 | 11.07 | 8.37 | 8.28 | 8.27 | 9.65 | 7.35 | 10.39 | 10.20 | 9.03 |
| Jut 89 | 9.24 | 7.88 | 7.61 | 7.36 | 8.76 | 8.95 | 8.72 | 10.98 | 7.83 | 8.02 | 8.08 | 9.54 | 7.28 | 10.11 | 9.88 | 8.74 |
| Aug 89 | 8.99 | 7.90 | 7.74 | 7.61 | 8.64 | 8.79 | 8.32 | 10.50 | 8.13 | 8.11 | 8.12 | 9.55 | 7.36 | 10.38 | 9.99 | 8.65 |
| Sep 69 | 9.02 | 7.75 | 7.74 | 7.65 | 8.78 | 8.87 | 8.25 | 10.50 | 8.25 | 8.19 | 8.15 | 9.55 | 7.52 | 10.44 | 10.13 | 8.71 |
| Oot 89 | 8.84 | 7.64 | 7.62 | 7.45 | 8.60 | 8.66 | 8.21 | 10.50 | 8.02 | 8.01 | 8.00 | 9.39 | 7.48 | 10.19 | 9.95 | 8.62 |
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| Aug 289 | 8.95 | 7.76 | 7.44 | 7.16 | 5.43 | , 64 | 8.47 | 10.79 | 7.60 | 7.82 | 7.92 | 9.54 | 7.19 | 10.23 | 9.68 | 8.60 |
| Ang 989 | 8.98 | 7.86 | 7.62 | 7.46 | 8.50 | 6.70 | 8.32 | 10.50 | 7.98 | 7.98 | 8.05 | 9.56 | 7.31 | 10.36 | 9.96 | 8.62 |
| Aug 1689 | 9.04 | 7.97 | 7.74 | 7.88 | 8.68 | 8.84 | 8.32 | 10.50 | 8.15 | 8.14 | 8.15 | 9.55 | 7.39 | 10.47 | 10.09 | 8.69 |
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| Aug 3089 | 8.86 | 7.93 | 7.87 | 7.75 | 8.76 | 8.88 | 8.29 | 10.50 | 8.35 | 8.24 | 8.20 | 9.58 | 7.46 | 10.48 | 10.22 | 8.74 |
| Sep 689 | 8.96 | 7.86 | 7.80 | 7.60 | 8.80 | 8.88 | 8.23 | 10.50 | 8.33 | 8.20 | 8.15 | 9.55 | 7.43 | 10.43 | 10.17 | 8.71 |
| Sep 1389 | 8.96 | 7.70 | 7.69 | 7.50 | 8.75 | 8.86 | 8.26 | 10.50 | 8.18 | 8.15 | 8.10 | 9.49 | 7.45 | 10.30 | 10.05 | 8.68 |
| Sep 2089 | 9.05 | 7.64 | 7.68 | 7.53 | 8.70 | 8.82 | 8.25 | 10.50 | 8.11 | 8.11 | 8.11 | 9.56 | 7.59 | 10.42 | 10.03 | 8.70 |
| Sep 2780 | 9.02 | 7.80 | 7.80 | 7.72 | 8.83 | 8.80 | 8.25 | 10.50 | 8.35 | 8.27 | 8.24 | 8.60 | 7.50 | 10.57 | 10.16 | 8.70 |
| Oct 489 | 9.18 | 7.85 | 7.89 | 7.83 | 8.93 | 8.94 | 8.27 | 10.50 | 8.42 | 8.27 | 8.21 | 9.40 | 7.50 | 10.21 | 10.11 | 8.72 |
| Oct 1189 | 8.93 | 7.67 | 7.69 | 7.58 | 8.74 | 8.79 | 8.25 | 10.50 | 8.14 | 8.07 | 8.04 | 9.33 | 7.46 | 10.24 | 9.95 | 8.60 |
| Oct 1889 | 8.76 | 7.54 | 7.54 | 7.35 | 8.48 | 8.56 | 8.20 | 10.50 | 7.98 | 7.98 | 7.98 | 9.37 | 7.47 | 10.16 | 9.82 | 8.58 |
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Seasonally adjusted
NOV. 13, 1989

| Period | Moncy stack measures and biguid assets |  |  |  |  |  | Bank crodit | Domestic nontinancial debt |  |  |
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|  | M1 | M2 | nontransactions componants |  | M3 | 1 | total loans and investiments | U.S. government' | other' | total* |
|  |  |  | in M2 | in M3 only |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| ANN. GRONTH RATES $(\%):$ ANNUALLY (G4 TO G4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1986 | 15.6 | 9.3 | 7.3 | 8.2 | 9.1 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 14.6 | 12.7 | 13.2 |
| 1987 | 6.4 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 11.8 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 7.9 | 9.0 | 10.2 | 9.9 |
| 1988 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 10.2 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 9.6 | 9.2 |
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| 1988-4th GTR. | 2.3 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 9.3 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 8.8 |
| 1989-1st GTR. | -0.4 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 10.6 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 8.4 |
| 1989-2nd GTR. | -5.6 | 1.2 | 3.5 9.2 | 9.1 | 2.9 4.7 | 4.7 | 6.2 | 6.9 5.4 | 7.8 8.1 | 7.6 7.5 |
| 1988-OCT. | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 13.9 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 9.9 | 4.9 | 9.2 | 8.2 |
| NOV. | 1.8 | 6.7 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 7.8 | 10.7 | 10.0 |
| DEC. | 5.6 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 10.3 | 5.3 | 9.5 | 3.5 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.4 |
| 1989-JAN. | -6. 1 | -1.4 | 0.1 | 12.1 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 8.3 | 7.5 |
| FEB. | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 14.4 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| MAR. | -1.7 | 3.5 | 5.4 | 17.2 | 6.5 | 9.8 | 6.4 | 11.7 | 6.9 | 8.0 |
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| MAY | -15.0 | -3.3 | 0.6 | 6.3 | -1.2 | -1.0 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 8.3 | 7.3 |
| JUNE | $-4.7$ | 6.2 11.5 | 9.8 11.8 | 3.9 0.3 | 5.7 | 3.3 8.9 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| JULY | 10.7 0.8 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 0.3 -15.4 | 9.0 2.2 | 8.9 | 10.0 | 0.1 11.0 | 8.4 9.0 | 6.5 9.5 |
| SEP. | 5.7 | 7.5 | 8.1 | -23.2 | 0.9 |  | $\begin{array}{r}6.7 \\ \hline 6.2\end{array}$ | 12.8 | 7.0 | 8.4 |
| OCT. pe |  |  |  | -9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEVELS (\$BILLIONS ): MONTHLY 1989-MAY | 773.3 | 3072.2 | 2298.9 | 882.6 | 3954.8 | 4746.1 | 2486.3 | 2176.5 | 7204.3 | 9380.8 |
| JUNE | 770.3 | 3088.0 | 2317.7 | 885.5 | 3973.5 | 4759.1 | 2496.8 | 2184.3 | 7247.3 | 9431.6 |
| Juty | 777.2 | 3117.6 | 2340.4 | 885.7 | 4003.3 | 4794.4 | 2518.1 | 2184.5 | 7297.8 | 9482.3 |
| aug. | 777.7 | 3136.4 | 2358.7 | 874.3 | 4010.6 | 4814.8 | 2534.4 | 2204.6 | 7352.5 | 9557.1 |
| SEP. | 781.4 | 3156.0 | 2374.6 | 857.4 | 4013.5 |  | 2544.1 | 2228.1 | 7395.6 | 9623.7 |
| WEEKLY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29-SEP. 11 | 782.6 | 3154.5 | 2371.9 | 866.1 | 4020.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | 780.3 | 3157.8 | 2377.5 | 861.9 | 4019.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | 782.3 | 3159.4 | 2377.1 | 849.3 | 4008.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| OCT. 2 | 789.0 | 3165.5 | 2376.6 | 842.5 | 4008.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| OCT. 9 | 786.8 | 3171.4 | 2384.6 | 845.7 | 4017.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | 788.8 | 3178.8 | 2389.9 | 852.3 | 4031.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 p | 788.8 | 3178.0 | 2389.2 | 855.9 | 4033.9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 p | 786.6 | 3181.1 | 2394.5 | 852.1 | 4033.2 |  |  |  |  |  |
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3. Excludes IRA and Keogh accounts.
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[^1]:    1. In addition, the Trading Desk took an accommodative approach to supplying reserves in the days immediately after the steep drop in stock prices on October 13, as financial markets remained skittish and volatile for a time.
[^2]:    2. This projection includes a strengthening in demand deposits in December, reflecting an expected need to adjust compensating balances upward before closing the books on 1989, as a consequence of interest rate declines this quarter. Such year-end adjustments have occurred in several recent years.
