

3.12 U.S. RESERVE ASSETS

Millions of dollars, end of period

Asset	1996	1997	1998	1999							
				Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept. ^P
1 Total	75,090	69,954	81,755	75,322	74,359	73,694	72,121	71,689	73,305	72,649^F	73,413
2 Gold stock, including Exchange Stabilization Fund ¹	11,049	11,050	11,041	11,048	11,049	11,049	11,049	11,046	11,048	11,046 ^F	11,046
3 Special drawing rights ^{2,3}	10,312	10,027	10,603	9,474	9,682	9,634	9,784	9,719	9,925	10,152	10,284
4 Reserve position in International Monetary Fund ²	15,435	18,071	24,111	24,283	23,231	23,054	21,689	21,462	21,462	19,885	19,978
5 Foreign currencies ⁴	38,294	30,809	36,001	30,517	30,397	29,957	29,599	29,462	30,870	31,566	32,105

1. Gold held "under earmark" at Federal Reserve Banks for foreign and international accounts is not included in the gold stock of the United States; see table 3.13, line 3. Gold stock is valued at \$42.22 per fine troy ounce.

2. Special drawing rights (SDRs) are valued according to a technique adopted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in July 1974. Values are based on a weighted average of exchange rates for the currencies of member countries. From July 1974 through December 1980, sixteen currencies were used; since January 1981, five currencies have been used. U.S.

SDR holdings and reserve positions in the IMF also have been valued on this basis since July 1974.

3. Includes allocations of SDRs by the International Monetary Fund on Jan. 1 of the year indicated, as follows: 1970—\$867 million; 1971—\$717 million; 1972—\$710 million; 1979—\$1,139 million; 1980—\$1,152 million; 1981—\$1,093 million; plus net transactions in SDRs.

4. Valued at current market exchange rates.

3.13 FOREIGN OFFICIAL ASSETS HELD AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS¹

Millions of dollars, end of period

Asset	1996	1997	1998	1999							
				Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept. ^P
1 Deposits	167	457	167	200	166	260	157	409	257	166	243
<i>Held in custody</i>											
2 U.S. Treasury securities ²	638,049	620,885	607,574	615,139	610,649	606,662	606,579	611,372	619,004	626,669	634,086
3 Earmarked gold ³	11,197	10,763	10,343	10,347	10,347	10,340	10,340	10,329	10,329	10,271	10,155

1. Excludes deposits and U.S. Treasury securities held for international and regional organizations.

2. Marketable U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and bonds and nonmarketable U.S. Treasury securities, in each case measured at face (not market) value.

3. Held in foreign and international accounts and valued at \$42.22 per fine troy ounce; not included in the gold stock of the United States.