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A QUANTITATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE EURO-DOLLAR SYSTEM

I. INTRODUCTION

One of the most striking aspects of the rapidly growing Euro-dollar literature is the fact that so much has been written on the basis of so few data.¹ The problems one faces when working with Euro-dollar data are both conceptual and institutional. Conceptual problems arise because Euro-dollar balances cannot easily be separated from conventional types of dollar balances in the statements of the reporting foreign banks and because the interbank structure of the Euro-dollar system leads to double counting.² The institutional problems are basically due to the short history of the Euro-dollar market, which has

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¹ The early Euro-dollar literature includes Alan R. Holmes and Fred H. Klopstock, "The Market for Dollar Deposits in Europe," Federal Reserve Bank of New York Monthly Review, Vol. 42 (November 1960); Oscar L. Altman, "Foreign Markets for Dollars, Sterling and Other Currencies," International Monetary Fund, Staff Papers, Vol. VIII (December 1961); and "Recent Developments in Foreign Markets for Dollars and Other Currencies," *ibid.*, Vol. X (March 1963). More recent contributions include Alexander K. Swoboda, *The Euro-Dollar* Market: An Interpretation, Essays in International Finance No. 64 (Princeton: International Finance Section, February 1968); Fred H. Klopstock, The Euro-Dollar Market: Some Unresolved Issues, Essays in International Finance No. 65 (Princeton: International Finance Section, March 1968); Charles P. Kindleberger, "The Euro-Dollar and the Internationalization of United States Monetary Policy," Banca Nazionale del Lavoro Quarterly Review, No. 88 (March 1969); Milton Friedman, "The Euro-Dollar Market: Some First Principles," The Morgan Guaranty Survey (October 1969); Klaus Friedrich, "The Euro-Dollar System and International Liquidity," Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking (August 1970); and Helmut W. Mayer, Some Theoretical Problems Relating to the Euro-Dollar Market, Essays in International Finance No. 79 (Princeton: International Finance Section, February 1970). Notable exceptions, in the sense that they are specifically quantitative contributions: Bank for International Settlements (B.I.S.), 34th-40th Annual Reports (1964-1970); Patrick H. Hendershott, "The Structure of International Interest Rates: The U.S. Treasury Bill Rate and the Euro-Dollar Deposit Rate," Journal of Finance, Vol. 22 (September 1967); and Andrew F. Brimmer, "Eurodollar and the U.S. Balance of Payments," Euromoney, Vol. 1 (December 1969).

² See, for example, "U. K. Banks' External Liabilities and Claims in Foreign Currencies," *The Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin*, Vol. 4 (June 1964), p. 105. Also, *B.I.S.*, 35th Annual Report (June 1965), p. 132.

not yet provided the various central banks with sufficient time to gear their systems of data collection and publication to the requirements of the new system. Furthermore, the primary sources of detailed monetary data—the central banks—are national in orientation, while the Euro-dollar market requires internationally consistent coverage.

This study attempts to show that, while available Euro-dollar data leave much to be desired, a comprehensive framework can be constructed which may be helpful in analyzing a number of important aspects of the system.

It may be useful, at the outset, to postulate a set of data that could be considered satisfactory and then to approximate this potential set as closely as possible with actually available data.

The Euro-dollar market is an international market in which commercial banks place and take on deposit short-term U.S. dollar funds. The ultimate purpose of the market is to provide financial intermediation between nonbank depositors of dollar funds and nonbank borrowers of dollar funds. The extent to which such intermediation is being provided at any given time could conceivably be measured by the volume of short-term dollar claims on, and liabilities to, nonbanks held by the commercial banks that conduct Euro-dollar business. Even if such data were available, a number of conceptual problems would remain.

At any stage of the process of intermediation, which normally involves interbank transactions, dollar balances may be converted into other currencies and passed on in the form of balances in other curencies. If the other currency is not the domestic currency of the country in which the conversion takes place, the deposit becomes part of the broader Euro-currency market. A bank in Switzerland, for example, may convert a Euro-dollar deposit into a Euro-sterling claim on a bank in France. The terminal stage of Euro-dollar intermediation in this case is a bank rather than a nonbank borrower. The quantitative significance of this problem in the present context is reduced by the fact that about 80 per cent of all Euro-currency balances are Eurodollar balances.³

A related problem arises, however, in case a bank converts Eurodollar balances into its domestic currency, in order, for example, to make domestic commercial loans on the basis of funds obtained in the

³ The distribution of Euro-currency deposits at the end of 1968 was as follows: U.S. dollars, 80.1 per cent; Swiss francs, 9.0 per cent; D-Marks, 6.8 per cent; sterling, 2.4 per cent; and guilders, French francs, lire, 1.7 per cent. *The Economist*, Vol. 232 (August 30, 1969), p. 40.

Euro-dollar market. While the source of credit has been the Eurodollar market, its use is obtained in the domestic currency. Once more the bank is the terminal stage of Euro-dollar intermediation and to consider only dollar positions vis-à-vis nonbanks would underestimate Euro-dollar activity.

Yet another reason for rejecting the volume of nonbank positions as too narrow lies in the fact that the interbank structure of the system is anything but irrelevant. Although the volume of nonbank positions remains the best, if not a perfect, approach to estimating the net size of the system, its interbank structure reflects allocative patterns which are of considerable relevance to the functioning of the market. It is, therefore, desirable to deal in the proper context with positions vis-à-vis both banks and nonbanks.⁴

Geographically, the Euro-dollar market is located in Western Europe and Canada.⁵ The United States plays a dominant role through the branches of its commercial banks in Western Europe. The United States *per se* cannot be considered a Euro-dollar center since the principal definitional requirement of a Euro-dollar deposit is that it is held in a bank outside the United States.

In Figure 1 a framework is proposed, which covers the basic structure of the Euro-dollar system. The system is divided into three centers: the United Kingdom, a group of seven Continental European countries (hereafter referred to as the European Group), and Canada. Each of the three centers has four links to the outside world—that is, to the other two centers, to the United States as the most important area which is not a center itself, and to the residual outside area. In addition, each center's position vis-à-vis its own residents is included. Data for the described positions detailed by bank and nonbank positions could be considered satisfactory for an analysis of original sources and final uses as well as the interbank structure of the Euro-dollar system. Tables 1 through 3 represent an attempt to provide data for the positions indicated by letters in Figure 1.⁶ Tables 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, and 2c provide further detail to a number of positions in Figure 1.

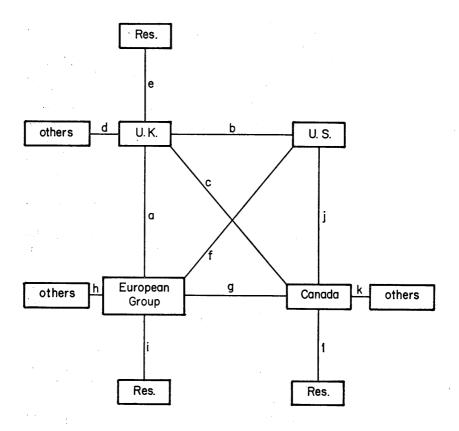
The discussion of the data falls naturally into three parts: the positions of the United Kingdom, the European Group, and Canada.

⁶ See Appendix.

⁴ For estimates of the net size of the Euro-dollar market, see B.I.S., 36th-39th Annual Reports.

⁵ Other areas, such as Japan, Latin America, the Middle East, and other countries of the sterling area, may be important sources and users of funds, but they are generally not intermediaries.

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II. THE EURO-DOLLAR MARKET IN LONDON

The data for Table 1, covering positions (a)-(d) in Figure 1, are taken from the Quarterly Bulletin of the Bank of England (B.o.E.). The reporting banks are all those banks in the United Kingdom known to have such positions, that is, domestic British banks, accepting houses, London offices of British overseas banks and branches of foreign banks in the United Kingdom, notably branches of American banks. Claims are short-term U.S. dollar claims on overseas banks and nonbanks owned by the reporting banks or held on behalf of their British customers. Liabilities include deposits and advances received from overseas banks and nonbanks and some commercial bills drawn in U.S. dollars on residents of the United Kingdom and held by the reporting banks on behalf of their overseas customers.⁷ The B.o.E. data give much more geographical detail than is shown in Table 1. Some of this additional detail will be utilized in the discussion below and in Tables 1a, 1b, and 2c.

With regard to the purpose of this study, the B.o.E. data are deficient in three respects. First, a distinction between positions vis-à-vis foreign banks and nonbanks would be desirable. Occasional estimates and comparisons between data of different sources are imperfect substitutes for this information. Secondly, double-counting occurs, to the extent, for example, that overseas funds on deposit in London are advanced to a bank abroad and subsequently redeposited in another bank in London. Thirdly, positions arising from Euro-dollar transactions are not distinguished from conventional U.S. dollar balances, such as correspondent balances, and so forth. Only on the assumption that such conventional balances are fairly constant, can the growth in U.S. dollar positions be linked to Euro-dollar transactions.

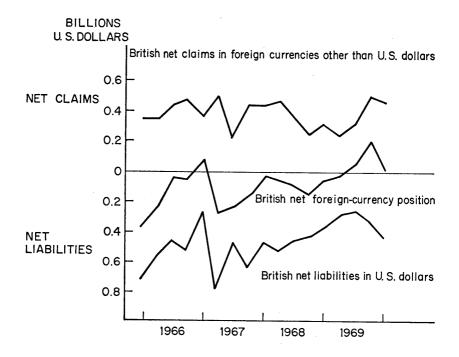
The Overall British Position

Compared with the volume of total gross claims and liabilities, the overall net position of the United Kingdom vis-à-vis nonresidents is very small and shows no apparent relationship to changes in the gross figures. This suggests that London's role in the Euro-dollar market is primarily that of an intermediary that takes funds on deposit from abroad in order to make advances abroad. The reporting banks' net liabilities to foreigners in U.S. dollars cannot be expected to be

⁷ A description of these data is given in *The Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin*, Vol. 4 (June 1964), p. 100.

balanced by net claims on nonbank British residents, because of possible conversions into other currencies. British banks, for example, could take dollar deposits from abroad and make equivalent advances to nonresidents in other foreign currencies. The British external foreign-currency position would be balanced and no transactions with residents need have taken place. Figure 2 points toward such an interpretation; it shows that London's intermediary role between non-

The British Position in Dollars and Other Currencies



SOURCE: BANK OF ENGLAND, *QUARTERLY BULLETIN*, VOL. 6, NO. 4 (DEC. 1966) table 19, pp. 384-385 VOL. 8, NO. 1 (MARCH 1968) table 20, pp. 83-84. VOL. 9, NO. 1 (MARCH 1969) table 19, pp. 110-111 VOL. 10, NO. 1 (MARCH 1970) table 19, pp. 100-101.

Fig. 2

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[•] residents includes some converting of dollar liabilities into claims in other foreign currencies.⁸ The net use of Euro-dollar funds by nonbank residents of the United Kingdom is consequently smaller than the British net external position in dollars.⁹

London vis-à-vis the European Group

Data going back to December 1962 show the United Kingdom in a net borrower position vis-à-vis the European Group.¹⁰ The growth of this net liability position from approximately \$0.3 billion in 1963 to \$7.0 billion in September 1969 can be divided into three distinct periods.

During 1963-64 the net position remained relatively constant around an average of \$0.3 billion.¹¹ In contrast to later periods, the size of the net position relative to gross claims and liabilities remained small. The structure of the European position also remained basically constant during 1963-64: Switzerland was the dominant net lender, while the other countries, notably Italy, were net borrowers, with the exception of Germany whose net position oscillated. London's role visà-vis the European Group thus appears to have been largely intermediary between Europeans; it accepted deposits from Switzerland and placed funds amounting to 80 per cent of these deposits in the other Continental European countries.

The second period, 1965-67, saw substantial growth in the net liability position (Table 1) as well as a number of structural changes

⁸ An example of this type of intermediation may be found in the British position vis-à-vis Western Germany in September 1969 (when speculation on revaluation of the D-Mark was strong). The United Kingdom had net claims on Germany of \$958 million in currencies other than dollars and sterling (presumably D-Marks), while her net liabilities to Germany in dollars were \$146 million. Figure 2 points to the Euro-dollar market as a source of speculative funds in this example.

⁹ One type of transaction involving residents is the swapping of Euro-dollars into sterling for loans to local British authorities and hire-purchase finance houses. Although it contributes to a net external-liability position in dollars, this type of transaction does not affect the dollar position vis-à-vis residents, since the loans are made in sterling. Another type of transaction is foreign-currency loans to nonbank residents. While the banks are free to conduct swaps, nonbank residents' borrowing of foreign-currency funds is subject to Exchange Control regulation.

¹⁰ For reasons of consistency with Table 2, the Western European Continent here includes the following seven countries: Belgium, Netherlands, France, West Germany, Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland.

¹¹ This period is not covered in Table 1. The data were taken from *Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin*, Vol. 4 (September 1964), p. 242 and Vol. 5 (September 1965), p. 200.

(Table 1a).¹² While the Swiss net creditor position in London remained approximately at its 1964 level through 1965, Italy reduced her gross liabilities to London sharply in early 1965 and increased her gross claims to an extent that by midyear her net position was that of a large lender.¹³ France, beginning in December 1964, increased her gross claims on London substantially, while leaving her gross liabilities unchanged. This added France to the group of large net lenders in London. Only Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden remained net borrowers at the end of 1966, with combined borrowings about equal to the Italian net-creditor position of \$0.2 billion. In early 1967 Germany and Sweden became net lenders, leaving the Netherlands as the only country of the European Group with (very small) net liabilities to the United Kingdom. Swiss net claims, having grown rapidly in 1966, remained at the approximate level of \$1.5 billion during 1967.

During the third period, December 1967 to December 1969, rapid growth occurred in all positions, especially in the first two quarters of both years. There were no further structural changes, with the exception of the Netherlands, which became a net lender in 1968 and increased its position to \$0.7 billion by December 1969. By September 1969, British net liabilities to the European Group were \$7.0 billion. Switzerland accounted for almost 60 per cent, while the shares of Italy, the Netherlands, France, and Belgium were 15, 9, 7, and 6 per cent, respectively.¹⁴

London vis-à-vis the United States

In terms of the framework given in Figure 1, the United States is the major net borrower of funds in London. A look at Table 1 shows that the overall structure of the London market for Euro-dollar funds has come to be increasingly dominated by American demand. The growth of this demand, as reflected by British claims on the United States, follows a pattern very similar to that described in the previous

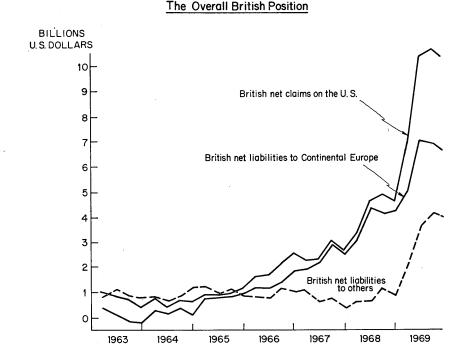
¹² Even though the causes of any change are beyond the scope of this study, the American guidelines of early 1965 should be mentioned here. They mark the beginning of American demand as a dominating aspect of the Euro-dollar market. "Guidelines for Banks and Non-Bank Financial Institutions," *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, Vol. 51 (March 1965), p. 371. The Guidelines under the subheading of "Foreign Branches" make specific reference to Euro-dollar deposits as an "independent" source of funds. *Ibid.*, p. 374.

¹³ For a detailed description of the important Italian position, see F. Masera, "International Movements of Bank Funds and Monetary Policy in Italy," *Banca Nazionale del Lavoro Quarterly Review*, No. 79 (December 1966), p. 314.

¹⁴ The German position at that time is described in footnote 8 above.

section—that is, no significant growth during 1963-64, followed by considerable expansion in 1965-66; and again a period of slower growth in 1967, followed by extremely rapid increases in the first two quarters of 1968 and 1969.

Figure 3 demonstrates London's intermediation between Continental



SOURCES: TABLE 1 BANK OF ENGLAND, *QUARTERLY BULLETIN*, VOL. 4, NO.3 (SEPTEMBER 1964) TABLE 25, p. 242, VOL. 5, NO.3 (SEPTEMBER 1965), TABLE 22, p. 200.

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Europe and the United States. This relationship dominated the Eurodollar market in London especially during 1966-68. Before 1966, Canada and other areas were relatively large net lenders in London. Similarly, during 1969, London had to rely heavily on non-European sources of funds.

American Banks in the United Kingdom

The B.o.E. data used up to this point are detailed by currencies and geographical distribution but not by types of banks. Another B.o.E. series gives details by types of banks but not by currencies and geographical distribution.¹⁵ It is therefore not possible to continue the preceding discussion of geographical distribution in terms of particular types of banks involved. A number of observations are nevertheless possible concerning the branch offices of American banks in the United Kingdom.

These branches have had an increasing share of total Euro-currency operations in the United Kingdom. Of all British advances to overseas residents in nonsterling currencies, for example, 37 per cent were made by American branches in December 1964. Their share of total Euro-currency liabilities was 34 per cent. By September 1969 these shares had risen to 66 and 63 per cent respectively. The balance sheet of the American banks in London, as shown by the described B.o.E. series, allows the following observations: Their operations were conducted largely in currencies other than sterling.¹⁶ The sources of their deposits and the destination of their advances were, to a large extent, outside the United Kingdom.¹⁷ These external sources and uses in nonsterling currencies were nearly balanced until the second quarter of 1968. When at that time their claims on overseas residents began to exceed their liabilities to overseas residents, their liabilities to other banks in the United Kingdom exceeded their claims on these banks by a comparable amount.¹⁸ By September 1969, their claims on overseas residents were \$18 billion, their liabilities to overseas residents were

¹⁵ This series gives a balance sheet, detailed by type of claims and liabilities, for accepting houses, overseas banks, and other banks in the United Kingdom. Their total external claims and liabilities in "other currencies" are closely correlated with total claims and liabilities in foreign currencies in the series used in Table 1. Compare, for example, *Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin*, Vol. 9 (December 1969), Table 10, p. 491 and Table 19, p. 508. ¹⁶ In December 1966, 18 per cent of their deposits and 14 per cent of their claims were in sterling. By September 1969, these percentages had declined to 6

and 5 respectively. *Ibid.*, p. 494. ¹⁷ In December 1966, 25 per cent of their nonsterling deposits came from British residents and 18 per cent of their nonsterling claims were on British residents. The respective figures for September 1969 were 39 per cent and 22 per cent. Ibid.

¹⁸ Net claims on overseas residents and net liabilities to British residents averaged \$0.2 billion during the nine quarters from March 1966 to March 1968. For the remaining six quarters through September 1969, the corresponding average was \$1.5 billion. *Ibid.* and *Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin*, Vol. 8 (March 1968), p. 70.

almost \$16 billion, and their net liabilities to other British banks were slightly in excess of \$2 billion.

This sharply increased borrowing by American banks in London from other banks in the United Kingdom coincided, as may be recalled from Figure 3, with an increasing gap between British net claims on the United States and British net liabilities to the European Group.¹⁹ It therefore appears that the American banks in London primarily intermediated between the European Group and the United States.²⁰ When European sources no longer sufficed to meet extremely strong American demand in the second half of 1968 and in 1969, the American banks

¹⁹ The excess of British net claims on the United States over British net liabilities to Continental Europe averaged \$0.3 billion during the nine quarters from March 1966 to March 1968. For the remaining six quarters through September 1969, the average was \$1.7 billion. Data from Table 1.

²⁰ This hypothesis can be supported by regression analysis:

A = claims on overseas residents of American banks in the United Kingdom.

B = claims on the United States of all banks in the United Kingdom.

C = claims on overseas residents of other than American banks in the United Kingdom.

Least squares regression of B on A and C yields:

 $B = \frac{645.45}{(309.63)} + \frac{0.91}{(0.045)} A - \frac{0.30}{(0.120)} C.$

Corrected $R^2 = 0.998$.

The regression coefficients are significant at a 5 per cent level. The regression coefficient of A has the expected sign and indicates that a one dollar increase in A leads to an approximately equivalent increase in B. The regression coefficient of C is negative and indicates that positive changes in C are not typically correlated with changes in B. American banks in the United Kingdom are therefore

strongly identified with British claims on the United States. D = liabilities to overseas residents of American banks in the United Kingdom.

E = liabilities to Continental Europe of all banks in the United Kingdom.

F = liabilities to overseas residents of other than American banks in the United

Kingdom.

Least squares regression of E on D and F yields: E = -163.08 + 0.49 D + 0.41 F.Corrected $R^2 = 0.996$. (372.61) (0.074)(0.165)

The regression coefficients are significant at a 5 per cent level. Both coefficients are positive, but D accounts for a greater percentage of the observed changes in E than does F. This is indicated by the Beta coefficient of D, which is 0.72, compared with the Beta coefficient of F, which is 0.27 (0.11),

(0.11).

Changes in British liabilities to Continental Europe are therefore better explained by the American banks' liabilities than by the liabilities of other banks in the United Kingdom.

The time period covered was December 1965-September 1969 (16 quarterly observations).

Sources of data: For B and E, Table 1.

For A, C, D, and F, Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 8 (March 1968), Tables 10-12, pp. 66-71, Vol. 9 (December 1969), Table 10, pp. 491-497.

in London turned to other banks in the United Kingdom which had access to funds from other areas.

London vis-à-vis Canada

Canada was a net lender of funds in London throughout the period under observation. During 1963-64 Canadian net claims on the United Kingdom were comparable in size to the net claims of the European Group on the United Kingdom. But while the European net claims resulted from large gross claims and somewhat smaller gross liabilities, Canada's net claims were nearly equal to her gross claims, with insignificant Canadian gross liabilities to the United Kingdom. The transition into the second period, 1965-67, which had brought the described changes to the European position in London, left the Canadian position relatively unaffected. In fact, Canadian net claims on the United Kingdom declined slightly, from an average of \$465 million in 1963-64 to an average of \$400 million during 1965-67. It appears that the increase in American demand for funds during this period drew on Canada directly, rather than, as in the case of Continental Europe, using London as an intermediary.21 Not until the end of 1968 did Canada's net claims on the United Kingdom show substantial expansion.

The Residual British Position

Table 1 shows relatively stable British net liabilities to this residual group at about \$630 million until early in 1967, followed by a more nearly balanced position until the end of 1968. In 1969, similar to the developments in the Canadian and Continental European positions, unprecedented levels of net liabilities arose. The identifiable contributors to this position are the Middle East, Latin America, Japan, and countries of the sterling area not previously covered. With the notable exception of Japan, all of these were net lenders in London.²² Table 1b, which gives the composition of the category "Others" in Table 1, shows that the rise in net British liabilities to "Others" was attributable to several areas. The largest increase occurred in the "residual" category of Table 1b, which, for reasons of consistency with Table 2b,

²¹ This observation is supported by the Canadian data in Table 3. For the Canadian position vis-à-vis the United Kingdom as reported by Canadian banks, see Bank of Canada, Statistical Summary (November 1965), p. 726.

²² Insofar as underdeveloped areas are identifiable in the data used, they were generally net lenders in the Euro-dollar market. This holds for all three sets of data used.

is not further detailed. Its components in the B.o.E. series are overseassterling countries and a residual item which includes under gross liabilities dollar certificates of deposit which are presumed to be owned by residents of nonsterling countries.²³ Other factors in the increase of British net liabilities to "Others" were a decline in claims on Japan, a rise in liabilities to other Western European countries (mainly Austria and Norway), and a rise in net liabilities to Latin America.

²³ Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 9 (December 1969), p. 509.

III. THE EURO-DOLLAR MARKET IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE

The Annual Reports of the Bank for International Settlements (B.I.S.) are the principal source of the data for Table 2. In terms of claims and liabilities and institutions holding them, these data are consistent with the B.o.E. data of Table 1.24 Prior to December 1964 any geographical detail was absent from the B.I.S. data, with the exception of positions vis-à-vis the United States. Thereafter, the detail was expanded, but the Group of European countries whose combined position was given included the United Kingdom. The underlying B.I.S. concept views the European Group as defined in Table 1 plus the United Kingdom as the "inside area" of the Euro-dollar market, while all other countries constitute the "outside area."25 In view of the fact that the B.I.S. is virtually the only source of Euro-dollar data designed to convey a comprehensive picture of the market, it is essential to point out a crucial weakness of its concept: The roles of Continental Europe (as a major source of funds) and the United Kingdom (as an intermediary) are basically different. To view these two areas as one Euro-dollar center therefore fails to identify what must be considered a crucial structural aspect of the Euro-dollar market, namely the role of the United Kingdom as an intermediary between Continental Europe and the United States. Table 2 presents data for the European Group, by removing the British component from the "inside area" data of the B.I.S. Table 2a elaborates on position (i) of Table 2, that is, it gives the composition of the European Group's claims and liabilities with regard to its own seven member countries. Table 2b gives further detail on position (h) in Table 2. The coverage of Tables 2a and 2b is consistent with that of Tables 1a and 1b.26

The extrication of the United Kingdom from the B.I.S. "inside area" permits a number of observations which cannot be obtained from the B.I.S. presentation of the data.

²⁴ Compare, for example, the British position vis-à-vis the United States as given in Table 1 and as determined on the basis of B.I.S. data in *B.I.S. 39th Annual Report* (June 1969), pp. 155-156.

²⁵ The B.I.S. "inside area" thus consists of Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. *Ibid.*, p. 146. ²⁶ See notes to Table 2.

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The European Group vis-à-vis the United States

During 1963-64, European net claims on the United States averaged approximately \$1.0 billion, while, as observed above, British net claims on the United States were only about \$0.6 billion.²⁷ It is interesting to observe that the European Group's net claims on the United States declined in 1965 and part of 1966. This period was characterized by rapidly increasing American demand for Euro-dollar funds and the emergence of the British role as an intermediary between Continental Europe and the United States. The Continental European response to this increased American demand, as shown by the data of Table 2, emphasizes the intermediary role of the United Kingdom, as shown in Table 1. During 1964 and 1965 direct European lending to Great Britain declined and net claims on Great Britain increased. When European net claims on the United States began to rise once more in mid-1966, they were much smaller than British net claims on the United States, and remained much smaller throughout the period under observation.

The European Group vis-à-vis the United Kingdom

This position has already been covered by the B.o.E. data in a previous section. It is discussed again at this point, because the B.I.S. data differ significantly and consistently from the B.o.E. data. Since the B.I.S. data cover the Continental banks' positions vis-à-vis British banks and nonbanks, while the B.o.E. data cover the British banks' position vis-à-vis Continental banks and nonbanks, a discrepancy between the two series is to be expected.²⁸ The nature of the discrepancy, that is, much larger claims and liabilities as reported by the B.o.E., suggests that the British banks' transactions with nonbank residents of the Continental banks of the United Kingdom.²⁹

²⁷ For B.I.S. data prior to December 1964, see B.I.S. 35th Annual Report (June 1965), pp. 134-135.

²⁸ It is important to point out here that inconsistency between B.I.S. data and B.o.E. data occurs only in the British-European Group position. The remaining positions in Table 2 were calculated using British positions as reported by the B.o.E. See notes to Table 2.

²⁹ The explanation was confirmed to the author by Dr. Milton Gilbert, B.I.S. Economic Adviser. See also p. 19 below.

The European Group vis-à-vis Canada

Net claims on Canada were relatively stable at approximately \$350 million until the second quarter of 1968, at which time they rose by about \$100 million. It is interesting to note that this net lending position stands in direct contrast to British net liabilities vis-à-vis Canada. This observation is an important result of the separation of the United Kingdom as a Euro-dollar center from the European Group.³⁰

The European Group vis-à-vis Others

The residual item (h) in Table 2, is the only external position of the European Group that shows net liabilities. At the end of 1968 these net external liabilities were only 12 per cent of all external net claims, that is, net claims on the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada. This suggests that the principal role of the European Group was that of a source of funds rather than that of an intermediary.

Table 2b further details this position. Identifiable components are Other Western European countries, the Middle East, Latin America, and Japan, leaving a residual which is somewhat smaller than position (h) in Table 2.

A comparison between Tables 1b and 2b may be useful at this point, since these two tables show the British position (Table 1b) and the European Group's position (Table 2b) with regard to the same external areas. Separation of British data from B.I.S. data leads to a number of important observations.

Both the United Kingdom and the European Group have consistently been net borrowers from Other Western European countries. The United Kingdom's net liabilities to this area were somewhat larger.

With regard to the Middle East, a net lender of funds to both the European Group and the United Kingdom, a change took place during 1967. Before 1967, Britain's net liabilities to the Middle East had been much larger than those of the European Group. In 1967, this relationship was reversed. The United Kingdom's net liabilities declined and those of the European Group rose markedly. It appears that a large portion of Middle Eastern Euro-dollar deposits were shifted from London to the Continent.

The European Group's position vis-à-vis Latin America has been

³⁰ This observation is supported by Canadian data as well, even though there are certain discrepancies between the two series. Canada consistently reported net claims on the United Kingdom and net liabilities to Continental Europe. See, for example, Bank of Canada, Statistical Summary (December 1968), pp. 900-901.

remarkedly stable at approximately \$200 million net liabilities since 1964. The United Kingdom's net liabilities to Latin America declined rapidly in 1967. In 1968, the British position was nearly balanced. Beginning in the second quarter of 1969 both centers' net liabilities to Latin America rose sharply.

The European Group's position vis-à-vis Japan was insignificant throughout the period under discussion. Japan's borrowing took place, almost exclusively, in the United Kingdom. The British position vis-àvis Japan, furthermore, shows very small gross liabilities. British net claims on Japan, at \$1.5 billion (December 1968) were second only to British net claims on the United States.

The item "Residual" in Tables 1b and 2b cannot be detailed further for both the United Kingdom and the European Group, since the area coverage is not consistent. Countries of the sterling area not covered otherwise contributed heavily to the United Kingdom's large residual net liabilities. The European Group's residual position underwent a marked change in 1969, when the net position deteriorated by almost \$2 billion. This figure was the principal factor in the sharp rise of European net liabilities to "Others" (Table 2, position [h]).

In 1969 the European Group's net claims on the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada were more nearly balanced by net liabilities to Others and to its own members than had been the case previously. It must be noted, however, that the bulk of the new liabilities were vis-à-vis unidentified sources.³¹

The Internal Position of the European Group

The internal position contains claims and liabilities of the seven Continental countries vis-à-vis each other. Each country's commercial banks report their positions vis-à-vis banks and nonbank residents of the other six countries. The sum of the seven positions reported in

³¹ The sources of these data are given in the notes to Table 2. The unallocated portion of this position is derived by subtracting British positions vis-à-vis the "Overseas sterling area" and "Others" as reported by the B.o.E., from the B.I.S. position vis-à-vis "Eastern Europe" and "Others." Since the four groups do not match, no further detail is possible. It may be noted, however, that Eastern Europe was a net borrower (\$0.3 billion) vis-à-vis the B.I.S. inside group, that is, the European Group plus the United Kingdom. It is conceivable that heavy concentration of this borrowing in Continental Europe and the heavy borrowing of the United Kingdom from the Overseas sterling area (\$0.8 billion) explains the fact that the unallocated portion of the Continental position vis-à-vis Others (Table 2) consisted of net claims (\$0.54 billion), while the unallocated portion of the British position vis-à-vis Others (Table 1) consisted of net liabilities (\$1.2 billion).

this way represents the internal position of the European Group. The most apparent deficiency of this series is the absence of the reporting banks' position vis-à-vis residents of their own countries. An Italian nonbank's Euro-dollar deposits in a German bank, for example, enter into the data, while its Euro-dollar deposits in an Italian bank do not. It may be argued, with some justification, that a country participates in the international Euro-dollar market only to the extent of its external position and that the internal position is therefore irrelevant. Without data on positions held by nonbank domestic residents, however, it is difficult to identify original sources and final users, particularly if the country in question has a large imbalance in its external position.³²

The composition of the European Group's internal position shows some significant differences between individual countries' roles on the Continent (Table 2a) and in London (Table 1a). France, for example, has been predominantly a net borrower vis-à-vis the other countries of the European Group, but a net lender in London. Italy, during 1967 and 1968, had a very small net position on the Continent, but was one of the largest net lenders in London. In 1969, it became a lender on the Continent as well, but to a relatively small extent. Germany, on the other hand, had net liabilities both to the European Group and to London through 1966 and reversed its position with respect to both centers in 1967. In December 1969 the position was once again reversed both in London and on the Continent.

The most significant aspect of this composition is the Swiss position on the Continent. The data show that Switzerland's large net claims on the United Kingdom (Table 1a) were not supported by Swiss net liabilities to the banks of Other European countries (Table 2a), as might have been expected. Rather, these banks reported large net liabilities to Switzerland.

At this point it may be useful to digress and consider the Swiss position in general rather than only in its present context. Switzerland, considering the size of its gross Euro-dollar claims and liabilities, is second only to the United Kingdom in importance as a Eurodollar center. The availability of data concerning the structure of the Swiss position, however, falls very considerably short of the detail

³² In the case of the United Kingdom, approximate external balance makes data on the internal position less crucial. For Canada (Table 3) the internal position is available. It must be noted that for the European Group nonbank positions are included, but only to the extent that they are external to the country of which the nonbanks are residents. provided by the British data. Some general observations are nevertheless possible on the basis of available data.

Table 2c assembles data on Swiss positions from different sources. It appears that Swiss gross claims were heavily concentrated on the United Kingdom and the other six member countries of the European Group. Table 2c gives rise to the impression that total Swiss gross claims are conservatively estimated by the Swiss commercial banks. While, for December 1969, the United Kingdom and the European Group (six countries) alone report \$7.9 billion of gross liabilities to Switzerland, Swiss total gross claims on nonresidents are given at \$5.5 billion.³³ Swiss gross liabilities, on the other hand, must have come largely from sources other than the United Kingdom and the European Group, since the combined figure for these two areas was only \$2 billion at the end of 1969, compared with \$4.5 billion total Swiss gross liabilities.^{34, 35} Available evidence points to areas designated as "Others" in Table 2, which is further detailed in Table 2b. It will be recalled that the Middle East has been a large lender since 1968 in this context. Further large deposits were received in 1969 from areas which are unidentified under "Residual" in Table 2b.

³³ The obvious excess of Swiss gross claims on the United Kingdom and the other six Continental countries as reported by their banks over these claims as reported by the Swiss banks could be explained by nonbank positions. If, for example, the liabilities of the Continental and British banks to Swiss nonbank residents exceeded the Swiss banks' claims on nonbank residents of the Continent and the United Kingdom, claims on the Continent and the United Kingdom as reported by the Swiss banks would indeed be exceeded by liabilities to Switzerland as reported by the Continental and British banks. This explanation remains highly unsatisfactory, if only on the ground that it ascribes a relative importance to Swiss nonbank owners of dollars that appears unrealistic.

³⁴ Gross liabilities to nonresidents as reported by the Swiss banks also appear surprisingly small. Swiss liabilities to the United States, for example, as reported by the Swiss banks, were \$320 million at the end of 1968. This amounts to only 11 per cent of total external liabilities. The situation regarding Swiss liabilities to the United States—that is, dollar deposits in Swiss accounts owned by residents of the United States—that is, dollar deposits in Swiss accounts owned by residents of the United States—is well described by the following quote: "Some of the money —private American money, which is said to be flowing strongly—is not liked by the Swiss banks because they live in fear of official U.S. intervention; the American banks will not take it because it offends U.S. law; yet everyone says that it is being looked after somehow." Richard Fry, "Guardians of the World's Fortunes," *The Banker*, Vol. 120 (January 1970), p. 48.

³⁵ The preceding discussion of the Swiss overall position tends to point toward Switzerland as an intermediary to a rather larger extent than is revealed by the Swiss data. There is some reason, in other words, to discount the impression conveyed by the Swiss data that Switzerland is the single largest original source of Euro-dollars. While the destination of Swiss funds is relatively clear, their origin cannot be determined on the basis of the available data.

IV. THE EURO-DOLLAR MARKET IN CANADA

Table 3 shows those Canadian positions which have not already been covered by Tables 1 and 2. The source of this table are U.S. dollar assets and liabilities of the Canadian chartered banks as reported to the Bank of Canada. Although there are discrepancies between the Canadian positions in the Bank of Canada, B.o.E., and B.I.S. data, all three sets of data support the previous observations that Canada has been a net lender in London and a net borrower from Continental Europe. The Bank of Canada data and the B.o.E. data furthermore show the same general movements in the Canadian position vis-à-vis the United Kingdom, particularly the substantial increase in Canadian net claims in 1969.³⁶ The Continental European position is less consistently reported between the Bank of Canada and the B.I.S., since the geographical detail does not fully coincide.³⁷

Canada vis-à-vis the United States

Canadian claims on the United States are primarily on banks, while Canadian liabilities to the United States are primarily to nonbanks.³⁸ The receiving banks in the United States are believed to be largely the Canadian agencies which make the important "street" loans to brokers and securities dealers in New York.³⁹ Canadian liabilities to American nonbanks include deposits solicited by Canadian agencies in the United States in the name of their head offices in Canada. Canadian liabilities to American banks and claims on American nonbanks have been relatively small.

The gradual rise of Canadian net claims on the United States can be divided into two distinct phases. From 1965 to early 1967 the rise in net claims was to a large extent caused by a decline in Canadian liabilities to American nonbanks, particularly following the American Guidelines of early 1965. During the second phase, beginning in mid-1967, liabilities remained relatively stable and claims on banks in the United States produced the increase in Canadian net claims.

³⁶ Compare Table 1 and Bank of Canada, Statistical Summary (January 1970), p. 15.

³⁷ The B.I.S. figures underlying Table 2 give the position of seven Continental European countries vis-à-vis Canada, while the Canadian data contain a position vis-à-vis all Continental Europe. *Ibid.*

³⁸ Ibid.

³⁹ For an excellent early description of Canada's role in the Euro-dollar market, see Oscar L. Altman, "Canadian Markets for U. S. Dollars," International Monetary Fund, *Staff Papers*, Vol. IX (November 1962), pp. 297-316.

Canadian Nonbank Residents

Large Canadian net claims on the United States and the United Kingdom were partly balanced by small net liabilities to Continental Europe, other sterling area countries, and "Others."⁴⁰ The single largest source of Canadian funds, however, has been the resident nonbank sector, which includes subsidiaries of American corporations in Canada. In September 1969, Canadian net claims on the United States and on the United Kingdom were \$2.1 billion and \$1.5 billion, respectively. These net claims were balanced by \$1.8 billion net liabilities to Continental Europe, the sterling area and Others and by \$2.2 billion net liabilities to Canadian nonbank residents.

Canada's reaction to increased American demand during 1968-69 deserves notice. In 1968 Canadian net claims on the United States and the United Kingdom grew by \$0.4 billion and \$0.3 billion, respectively. The sources of these funds were largely other foreign banks. Between December 1968 and September 1969 net claims on the United States grew by \$0.3 billion, while net claims on the United Kingdom grew by \$0.7 billion, and net liabilities to residents grew by \$1.2 billion.⁴¹ Since the United States was the principal destination of funds advanced to the United Kingdom in 1969, this emphasized the importance of the United Kingdom as an intermediary at times of an extremely tight Euro-dollar market.

⁴⁰ Bank of Canada, Statistical Summary (January 1970), p. 15. ⁴¹ Ibid.

V. SUMMARY

The objective of this study has been to shed some light on the geographical distribution of Euro-dollar sources and uses as well as on the intermediary structure of the Euro-dollar market. The framework used for this purpose was shown in Figure 1. Although a set of comprehensive and consistent data fitting this framework is unavailable, enough information can be gathered from a number of sources to provide an outline of the overall picture.

The data point to the following areas as original net sources: the European Group, the Middle East, Canada, other countries of the sterling area and Latin America. The dominant net user has been the United States. The only other significant net user has been Japan.

The principal center of intermediation has been the United Kingdom, followed by Switzerland, which can be assumed to have been a very important intermediary. Canada has been an intermediary to some extent.

Although its relative share has declined recently, the quantitatively most important single aspect of the Euro-dollar market remains London's intermediation between Continental Europe and the United States.

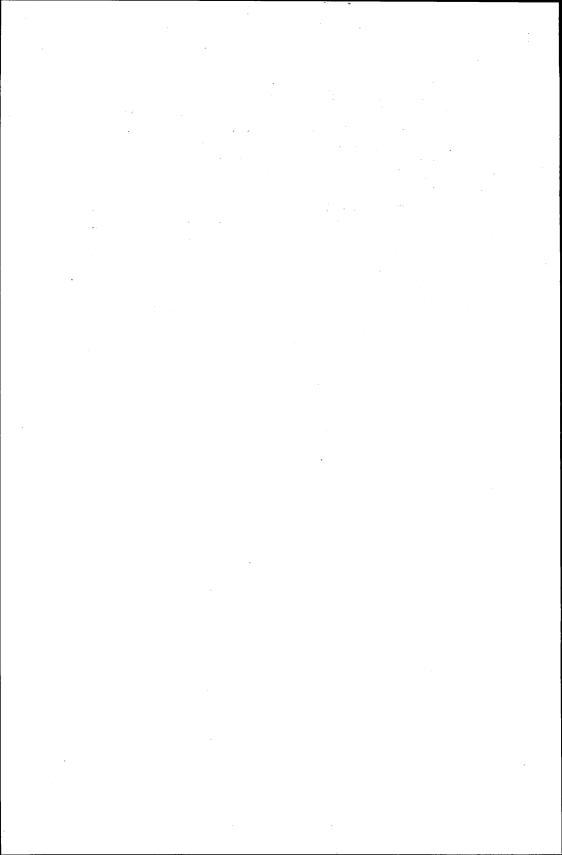
Only part of this flow came from original Continental sources. Another part originated outside Continental Europe and reached London through Continental European—particularly Swiss—intermediation. The data point to the Middle East and Latin America as sources. Nonbank residents of the United States should probably be added here as an important source.⁴² To the extent that such an addition is realistic, part of London's intermediation between the Continent and the United States includes the much debated American "round-trip" or "return-ticket" money.⁴³

⁴² This suggestion is not supported by Swiss or American data. See page 19 above. Compare also the surprisingly low level of claims on Switzerland as reported by nonbanking concerns in the United States. In December 1968 these claims were \$39 million, *Federal Reserve Bulletin*, Vol. 55 (November 1969), A87.

⁴³ "Round-trip" money refers to American funds which move from an American nonbank resident to a bank in the United States via one or several banks abroad, thus circumventing American deposit rate ceilings. In the case at hand, an American nonbank resident would deposit dollar funds in a bank in, for example, Switzerland. This bank would not be an American branch, since such branches do not generally accept deposits directly from American residents. The bank in Switzerland would advance the funds to a bank in London, which might well be an American branch and which, in turn, would pass the funds on to its head office in The American branches in London, having a large share in total Euro-dollar transactions of the United Kingdom, play an even more important role in London's intermediation between the European Continent and the United States. When, during the recent phase of extremely strong American demand, London's European sources no longer sufficed to meet advances to the United States, the American branches in London borrowed heavily from other banks in the United Kingdom that had sources elsewhere.

Canadian intermediation took the form of advancing funds obtained in Continental Europe, other countries of the sterling area, and from other sources to the United States and the United Kingdom. More recently, Canada's nonbank residents have become an important source of funds.

the United States. Another type of round-trip for American funds is provided by Canadian bank agencies in the United States, which take deposits on behalf of their head offices in Canada. The funds are then advanced back to the agencies in the United States. It is also conceivable that part of the Canadian liabilities to nonbank residents are American funds which have somehow reached Canadian accounts.



APPENDIX

TABLE 1

EXTERNAL SHORT-TERM DOLLAR CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES OF BRITISH BANKS (in millions of U.S. dollars)¹

British position vis-à-vis:

	Eı	(a)² uropean C	Froup	τ	(b) Inited Sta	ites		(c) Canada		(d) ³ Others				
	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net		
1964 Dec.	1420	1550	-130	1210	540	670	40	740	-700	990	1550	-560		
1965 Dec.	1390	2360	-970	1600	430	1170	110	470	-360	1440	1880	-440		
1966 M	1130	2440	-1310	2220	650	1570	50	420	-370	1440	1940	500		
J	1380	2650	-1270	2470	870	1600	80	430	-350	1700	2120	420		
S	1480	2910	-1430	3130	1000	2130	70	480	-410	1690	2490	800		
D	1780	3550	-1770	3470	950	2520	190	540	-350	1860	2550	690		
1967 M	1570	3530	1960	3250	1030	2220	80	460	380	2060	2730	670		
J	1560	3890	2330	3320	960	2360	180	630	450	2590	2640	50		
S	1540	4500	2960	4130	1010	3120	200	610	410	2630	2940	310		
D	1740	4320	2580	4070	1390	2680	280	770	490	3130	3220	90		
1968 M	1740	4790		5170	1750	3420	290	870	580	3370	3610	240		
J	1710	6090		7130	2490	4640	300	920	620	3820	3910	90		
S	1980	6150		7350	2390	4960	310	940	630	3820	4650	830		
D	2720	6980		7240	2570	4670	350	1170	820	4590	4650	60		
1969 M	2530	7810	5280	9740	2710	7030	520	1600	-1080	4810	5780	-970		
J	3420	10470	7050	13780	3350	10430	460	2150	-1690	4740	6750	-2010		
S	4190	11210	7020	14140	3370	10770	560	2520	-1960	5570	7740	-2170		
D	5300	12100	6800	13290	2890	10400	550	2510	-1960	6060	8130	-2070		

Sources: Bank of England, Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 5 (December 1965), Table 22, p. 390.

Vol. 6 (December 1966), Table 19, p. 385.

Vol. 7 (December 1967), Table 20, p. 418. Vol. 8 (December 1968), Table 19, p. 450.

Vol. 9 (December 1969), Table 19, p. 509.

Vol. 10 (March 1970), Table 19, p. 100.

1 Converted from pounds sterling.

2 For consistency with Table 2, the European Group comprises Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland (including the B.I.S.).

3 Other than the European Group (as defined above), the United States and Canada.

TABLE 1a

COMPOSITION OF THE BRITISH POSITION VIS-À-VIS THE EUROPEAN GROUP (in millions of U.S. dollars)¹

British position vis-à-vis:

	B	elgiur	n		Fran	се	Ge	rman	Y		Italy		N	etherld	ands		Swede	en	Sw	itzerla	nd		Total ²	
	claims	liab	net	claims	s liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net
1964 D	180	110	70	170	210	40	280	70	210	450	200	250	160	120	40	80	90	10	100	750	650	1420	1550	13
1965 D	160	150	10	200	310	—110	190	90	100	430	590	160	140	100	40	80	80		190	1040		1390	2360	97
1966 M J S D	190 220 180 220	230 220 220 250	40 40 30	110 140 150 230	320 460 450 510	210 320 300 280	150 200 290 300	130 150 170 120	20 50 120 180	200 230 330 510	430 360 630 730	230 130 300 220	170 220 220 210	150 160 150 160	50 60 70 50	80 110 80 90	60 100 70 90	20 10 10	230 260 230 220	1150 1200 1220 1690	920 940 990 1470	1130 1380 1480 1780	2440 2650 2910 3550	—131 —127 —143 —177
1967 M J S D	250 260 250 230	280 250 330 320	30 10 80 90	200 160 180 260	450 520 660 630	250 360 480 370	280 270 180 180	390 460 530 450	110 190 350 270	290 230 270 420	540 540 760 740	250 310 490 320	200 240 230 260	160 190 200 240	40 50 30 20	90 110 110 100	110 140 190 130	20 30 80 30	260 290 320 290	1600 1790 1830 1810	1340 1500 1510 1520	1570 1560 1540 1740	3530 3890 4500 4320	196 233 296 258
968 M J S D	240 250 270 340	430 630 690 610		300 220 240 520	720 1020 850 930	420 800 610 410	170 180 260 340	690 400 520 530	520 220 260 190	350 320 410 610	770 980 1040 1460	420 660 630 850	210 180 210 260	410		100 120	170 210 210 240	90 110 90 90	470	1820 2520 2430 2810		1740 1710 1980 2720	4790 6090 6150 6980	305 438 417 426
969 M J S D	280 460 620 740	830 1090 1060 1210	550 630 440 470	550 710 940 1220	1110 1320 1390 1560	560 610 450 340	290 490 620 670	750 850 770 520	460 360 150 150	630 720	1620 1720 1780 2110	990 1090 1060 780	150 240 290 380	870 950	—460 —630 —660 —710	110	260	—110 —150 —120 —40	780 900	2650 4360 5040 5430	2050 3580 4140 4610	2530 3420 4190 5300	11210	528 705 702 680

Source: Bank of England, as listed for Table 1.

1 Converted from pounds sterling. 2 Identical to position (a) in Table 1.

TABLE 1b

COMPOSITION OF THE BRITISH POSITION VIS- λ -VIS "OTHERS" (in millions of U.S. dollars)¹

British position vis-à-vis:

	We	Othe stern E	r urope²	Mid	ldle Ed	ast	Latin	n Amei	rica		Japan			Residı	ıal	Total ³		
	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	i liab	net
1964 D	250	450	200	70	390		80	210	130	370	20	350	220	480		990	1550	—560
1965 D	400	480	80	100	510	410	200	250	—50	460	20	440	280	620	—340	1440	1880	440
1966 M	370	470	100	80	520	440	180	270	90	470	30	440	340	650	310	1440	1940	50
J	510	530	20	90	560	470	200	310	110	520	30	490	380	690	310	1700	2120	42
S	480	680	200	90	630	540	180	320	140	570	20	550	370	840	470	1690	2490	80
D	560	670	110	120	580	460	200	360	160	620	20	600	360	920	560	1860	2550	69
1967 M	560	700	140	130	670	540	230	380	150	760	20	740	380	960	580	2060	2730	670
J	630	770	140	170	500	330	330	410	80	830	30	800	630	930	300	2590	2640	50
S	700	940	240	150	520	370	360	420	60	850	30	820	570	1030	460	2630	2940	310
D	800	870	70	200	540	340	390	430	40	990	40	950	750	1340	590	3130	3220	90
1968 M	860	950	90	210	540	330	450	470	20	1120	50	1070	730	1600	870	3370	3610	24
J	900	1000	100	200	530	330	530	490	40	1320	70	1250	870	1820	950	3820	3910	9
S	900	1210	310	270	510	240	540	540		1410	70	1340	950	2320	1370	3820	4650	83
D	970	1200	230	270	540	270	660	570	90	1590	60	1530	1100	2280	1180	4590	4650	6
1969 M	1020	1270	250	190	640	450	760	740	20	1570	90	1480	1270	3040	1770	4810	5780	97
J	910	1320	410	240	780	540	760	910	150	1330	140	1190	1500	3600	2100	4740	6750	201
S	850	1440	590	310	830	520	930	1170	240	1410	170	1240	2070	4130	2060	5570	7740	217
D	1020	1680	660	270	660	390	970	1310	340	1420	290	1130	2380	4190	1810	6060	8130	207

Source: Bank of England, as listed for Table 1.

Converted from pounds sterling.
 Austria, Denmark, Norway, Spain, Andorra, Finland, Greece, Portugal, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.
 Identical to position (d) in Table 1.

TABLE 2

EXTERNAL SHORT-TERM DOLLAR CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP¹ (in millions of U.S. dollars)

European Group's position vis-à-vis:

	Uni	(a)² ted Kingd	lom	Ur	(f) nited Stat	es		(g) Canada			(h) Others		(i)³ European Group			
	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	
1964 D	1200	1180	20	1600	720	830	390	140	250	810	1580	-770	1340	1640	-300	
1965 D	1860	1050	810	1410	820	590	570	90	480	1100	1730	-630	2120	2400		
1966 M	1770	720	1050	1310	780	530	450	70	380	1150	1540	390	1900	1900		
J	1690	940	750	1440	820	620	340	80	260	1380	1650	270	1790	1960		
S	2140	970	1170	1610	800	810	290	130	160	1360	1770	410	2310	2520		
D	2460	1340	1120	1780	750	1030	430	120	310	1400	1910	510	2770	3020		
1967 M	2310	1020	1290	1690	830	860	420	120	300	1380	1750	370	2510	2880	370	
J	2700	1030	1670	1720	770	950	450	100	350	1630	1990	360	2430	2830	400	
S	3260	1040	2220	1740	850	890	460	110	350	1580	2290	710	2690	3140	450	
D	3230	1380	1850	2160	970	1190	460	140	320	1650	2170	520	3130	3620	490	
968 M	3520	1400	2120	2330	1020	1310	510	190	320	2060	2510	450	3280	3820	—54	
J	4270	1210	3060	2660	1140	1520	610	120	490	2050	2620	570	3010	3690	—68	
S	4450	1520	2930	3120	1300	1820	590	100	490	2100	2400	300	3370	3890	—52	
D	5120	2290	2830	3490	1350	2140	560	120	440	2260	2770	510	4070	4720	—65	
969 M	5520	2150	3370	3650	1310	2340	580	230	350	2280	4390	2110	4000	4840		
J	7320	2870	4450	4280	1790	2490	780	200	580	2160	4930	2770	5230	6600		
S	7030	3410	3620	4450	1890	2560	900	320	580	2240	5350	3110	5430	6800		
D	7480	4770	2710	4450	1660	2790	810	430	380	2040	5950	3910	7330	8740		

Sources: B.I.S. 37th Annual Report (June 1967), pp. 140, 150-152. 38th Annual Report (June 1968), pp. 148-149. 39th Annual Report (June 1969), pp. 146, 155-156. 40th Annual Report (June 1970), pp. 153-154, 156. Bank of England, as listed for Table 1.

1 European Group, as defined for Table 1.

2 Note that this position is not consistent with position (a) in Table 1. 3 The internal position of the European Group. For details, see Table 2a.

Note on the separation of B.I.S. data from B.o.E. data. The B.I.S. data (for example, 39th Annual Report, p. 146) show "Dollar positions of reporting European banks vis-à-vis non-residents." Sources used by the B.I.S. to compile these positions are the central banks of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. These countries constitute the B.I.S. "Inside-area" concept. Not all of the inside-area central banks publish these positions independently of the B.I.S. In order to obtain positions for the European Group (Table 2)—the B.I.S. "Inside area" minus the United Kingdom—it is therefore necessary to subtract the British position from the B.I.S. "inside-area" positions, as long as the area coverage between B.I.S. data and British data is identical.

Example: Claims on Latin America, December 1968 (Table 2b).

- 1180 Reporting European banks (B.I.S. 39th Annual Report, p. 146).
- 660 British banks (Bank of England, Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 9, p. 509).
- = 520 European Group (Table 2b).

This procedure of separating British from B.I.S. data is permissible in all cases where British positions from British sources are available for the same areas for which B.I.S. positions are shown, that is, for positions (f) through (i) in Table 2 and for Tables 2a and 2b. Position (i) in Table 2 is derived according to this principle in the following way:

Liabilities to Italy, December 1969:

4230 Reporting European banks (B.I.S. 40th Annual Report, p. 156).

- 2110 British banks (Bank of England, Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 10 [March 1970], p. 100).

= 2120 European Group (Table 2a).

The sum of all positions calculated in this way for Table 2a is position (i) in Table 2.

The accuracy of the procedure used in Table 2 for the separation of British positions from positions of the European Group can be tested in the following manner: For any given date, the sum of all claims and liabilities of the European Group as shown in Table 2 should be equal to the sum of assets and liabilities of the seven countries belonging to the European Group as given by the B.I.S. data. Compare, for example, Table 2 and B.I.S. 40th Annual Report, p. 153. Small discrepancies are due to rounding and to possible differences in converting B.O.E. sterling figures into U.S. dollar figures. This equality, incidentally, also suggests that the B.I.S. used the same B.O.E. data as does this study.

The only exception to the consistency between British and B.I.S. data concerns the United Kingdom-European Group position (Table 1, position [a] and Table 2, position [a]). The British data show positions of British banks vis-A-vis banks and nonbanks of the European Group, while the B.I.S. data show the position of the European Group's banks vis-A-vis British banks and nonbanks. For this reason the two series differ greatly.

TABLE 2a

COMPOSITION OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP'S INTERNAL POSITION (in millions of U.S. dollars)

European Group's position vis-à-vis:1

	B	lelgiur	n		Fran	ce	0	erma	ny		Italy		Ne	therlar	ıds		Swed	len	SI	vitzerla	and		Total ²	
	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net e	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claim	s liab	net
1964 D	140	160	-20	370	340	30	90	70	20	430	420	10	70	140	-70	10	20	-10	230	490	260	1340	1640	-300
1965 D	210	190	20	510	530	20	180	100	80	640	650	10	230	190	40	80	50	30	270	690	-420	2120	2400	
1966 M	210	160	50	410	400	10	190	120	70	450	420	30	230	140	90	70	20	50	340	640	300	1900	1900	
J	160	230	70	410	420	10	210	70	140	370	520	150	250	140	110	70	30	40	320	550	230	1790	1960	
S	210	300	90	630	510	120	190	170	20	560	670	110	300	170	130	80	40	40	340	660	320	2310	2520	
D	240	390	150	770	530	240	180	120	60	680	780	100	360	250	110	90	60	30	450	890	440	2770	3020	
1967 M	230	340	110	640	520	120	160	210	50	620	670	50	320	200	120	100	40	60	440	900	460	2510	2880	370
J	270	310	40	470	540	70	160	190	30	630	610	20	320	190	130	130	40	90	450	950	500	2430	2830	400
S	290	360	70	610	590	20	160	200	40	750	610	140	300	270	30	130	90	40	450	1020	570	2690	3140	450
D	320	470	150	870	590	280	140	330	190	890	850	40	330	270	60	90	50	40	490	1060	570	3130	3620	490
1968 M	400	530	130	880	620	260	160	320	—160	770	710	60	380	280	100	80	30	50	610	1330	720	3280	3820	540
J	450	620	170	660	580	80	160	210	—50	750	690	60	420	280	140	70	60	10	500	1250	750	3010	3690	680
S	430	510	80	790	720	70	220	310	—90	750	790	—40	430	250	180	80	60	20	670	1250	580	3370	3890	520
D	480	590	110	1080	780	300	250	570	—320	1130	1080	50	430	320	110	70	60	10	630	1320	690	4070	4720	650
1969 M	440	660	220	1310	660	650	210	380	170	880	1110	230	440	330	110	90	100	10	630	1600	970	4000	4840	
J	710	850	140	1430	950	480	430	920	490	1070	1300	230	690	400	290	70	60	10	830	2120	1290	5230	6600	
S	610	850	240	1580	1070	510	490	700	210	1120	1330	210	630	520	110	110	60	50	890	2270	1380	5430	6800	
D	620	1110	490	2080	1910	170	930	360	570	1730	2120	390	670	690	—20	130	70	60	1170	2480	1310	7330	8740	

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Sources: B.I.S. and B.o.E., as listed for Table 2.

1 Each column shows the position of the six other member countries of the European Group vis-à-vis the country named at the head of the column. 2 Identical to position (i) in Table 2.

TABLE 2b

COMPOSITION OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP'S POSITION VIS- λ -VIS OTHERS (in millions of U.S. dollars)

European Group's position vis-à-vis:

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	Other Western Europe		М	Middle East		Latin America			Japan			<i>Residual</i> ¹		$Total^2$				
	claims	liab	net	claim	s liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net
1964 D	130	350	220	40	290	-250	210	400	—190	70	20	50	360	520		810	1580	77
1965 D	270	370		70	340	270	180	470	290	50	30	20	530	520	10	1100	1730	63
1966 M	250	300	50	70	340	270	220	440		60	30	30	550	430	120	1150	1540	
J	270	340	70	60	400	340	270	430		90	30	60	690	450	240	1380	1650	270
S	280	340	60	80	460		240	440	200	50	30	20	710	500	210	1360	1770	41
D	330	420	90	70	420		250	480	230	50	30	20	700	560	140	1400	1910	-51
1967 M	350	420	70	70	420		250	390		30	40		680	480	200	1380	1750	37
J	450	460	10	80	460		310	440		70	30	40	720	600	120	1630	1990	
S	370	530		80	560	480	340	480		40	30	10	750	690	60	1580	2290	71
D	410	530		110	580	470	370	520		40	30	10	720	510	210	1650	2170	52
968 M	470	620	-150	180	780	600	450	650	200	110	40	70	850	420	430	2060	2510	45
J	530	570	40	110	970	860	440	720	-280	130	30	100	840	330	510	2050	2620	57
S	490	640		140	1000	860	450	690	-240	100	40	60	920	30	890	2100	2400	
D	550	700		200	940	740	520	750	230	100	30	70	890	350	540	2260	2770	51
969 M	520	790	270	150	1170		560	770	210	80	70	10	970	1590	620	2280	4390	-211
J	470	820		150	1340		520	950	430	60	80	20		1740	-780	2160	4930	-277
S	530	990	460	180	1540		530	960	430	60	80	20	940	1780		2240	5350	-311
D	590	1110		190	1330		470	1240		60	100	40		2170	-1440	2040	5950	

Sources: B.I.S. and B.o.E., as listed for Table 2.

1 This residual cannot be further disaggregated due to coverage differences between B.I.S. and B.O.E. data. 2 Identical to position (h) in Table 2.

TABLE 2c

SHORT-TERM DOLLAR CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES OF SWITZERLAND (in millions of U.S. dollars)

Swiss position vis-à-vis:

		Total		U	nited Stat	tes	Unit	ed Kinga	lom	European Group		
	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net
1964 D	2180	1590	590	570	150	420	750	100	650	490	230	260
1965 D	2660	1700	960	500	150	350	1040	190	850	690	270	420
1966 M	2520	1490	1030	450	170	280	1150	230	920	640	340	300
J	2370	1760	610	520	170	350	1200	260	940	550	320	230
S	2310	1730	580	480	160	320	1220	230	990	660	340	320
D	2780	1890	890	480	140	340	1690	220	1470	890	450	440
1967 M	2780	1920	860	500	160	340	1600	260	1340	900	440	460
J	3280	2100	1180	520	180	340	1790	290	1500	950	450	500
S	3310	2260	1050	460	210	250	1830	320	1510	1020	450	570
D	3520	2430	1090	530	310	220	1810	290	1520	1060	490	570
1968 M	3850	2680	1170	760	250	510	1820	390	1430	1330	610	720
J	4340	2630	1710	790	270	520	2520	460	2060	1250	500	750
S	4370	2840	1530	850	340	510	2430	470	1960	1250	670	580
D	4390	2820	1570	850	320	530	2810	500	2310	1320	630	690
1969 M	4450	3080	1370	1030	380	650	2650	600	2050	1600	630	970
J	5650	3860	1790	1010	480	530	4360	780	3580	2120	830	1290
S	5970	4160	1810	1110	510	600	5040	900	4140	2270	890	1380
Ď	5520	4460	1060	940	440	500	5430	820	4610	2480	1170	1310

J.

Sources: For position "Total" and "United States"

B.I.S., 37th Annual Report (June 1967), pp. 148-151. 38th Annual Report (June 1968), pp. 148-149. 39th Annual Report (June 1969), pp. 155-156. 40th Annual Report (June 1970), pp. 153-154.

For position "United Kingdom"; Table 1a. "European Group"; Table 2a.

Note that in this table the column "Total" does not reflect the sum of the remaining columns.

TABLE 3

SHORT-TERM DOLLAR CLAIMS AND LIABILITIES OF CANADIAN BANKS (in millions of U.S. dollars)¹

Canadian position vis-à-vis:

	U	(j) nited Stat	es		(k)² Others	-	(l) ³ Residents			
	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	claims	liab	net	
1964 D	1965	1675	290	179	377	-198	594	1224	-630	
1965 M	1760	1721	39	207	55	152	691	1075		
J	1687	1116	571	217	490	-273	758	950	192	
S	1928	1086	842	172	534	362	802	1069	-267	
D	1758	979	779	182	545	-363	850	1126	-276	
1966 M	1593	843	750	185	466	-281	914	1294	-380	
J	1526	780	746	204	529	-325	916	1351	-435	
S	1683	710	973	162	495		909	1545	636	
D	1966	710	1256	173	563	-390	936	1508	-572	
1967 M	1639	728	911	185	609	-424	928	1345	-417	
J	1744	733	1011	221	658	-437	857	1312	—455	
S	1971	634	1337	223	677	-454	850	1436	—586	
D	2213	787	1426	286	737	-451	848	1861	-1013	
1968 M	2048	697	1351	333	793	[′] —460	821	1885	-1064	
J	2188	729	1459	347	866	-519	794	1800	-1006	
S	2372	591	1781	379	1072	693	784	1890	-1106	
Ď	2335	505	1830	382	987	605	789	1903	-1114	
1969 M	2556	655	1901	479	1180	-701	730	2049	-1319	
J	2570	732	1838	647	1332	-685	933	2784	-1851	
S	2808	681	2127	637	1536		941	3117	-2176	
Ď	3094	814	2280	672	1665	-993	991	3057	-2066	

Source: Bank of Canada, Statistical Summary (November 1965), p. 726. (September 1966), p. 601. (December 1966), p. 825. (September 1967), p. 639. (December 1967), p. 872. (September 1968), p. 655. (December 1968), p. 655. (December 1968), p. 900. (September 1969), p. 678. (December 1969), p. 926. (May 1970), p. 346.

1 Converted from Canadian Dollars.

2 Other than United States, United Kingdom, and Continental Europe. 3 Nonbank Canadian residents.

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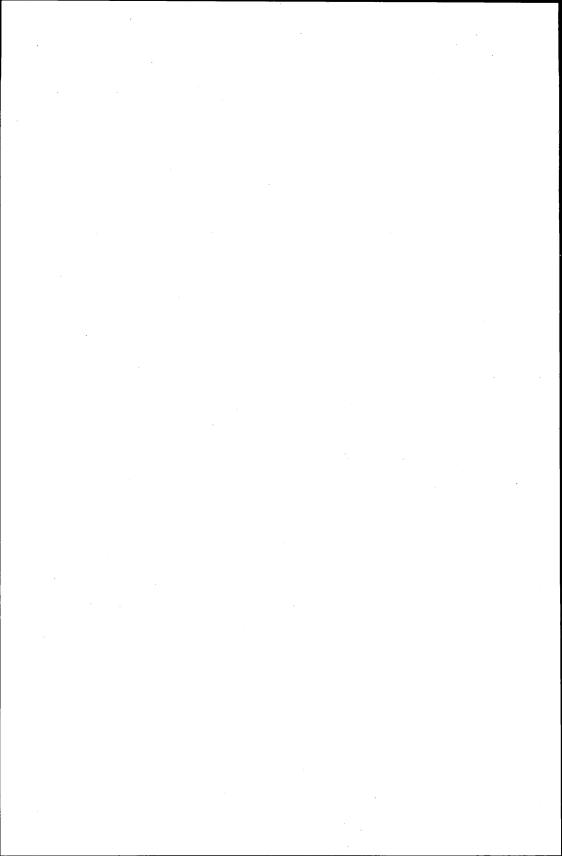
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