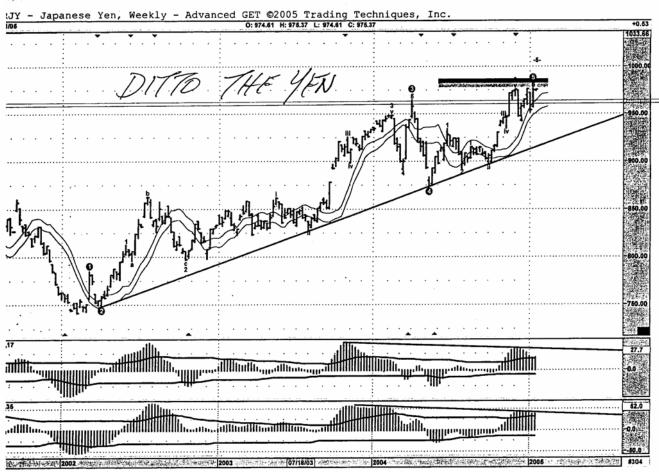
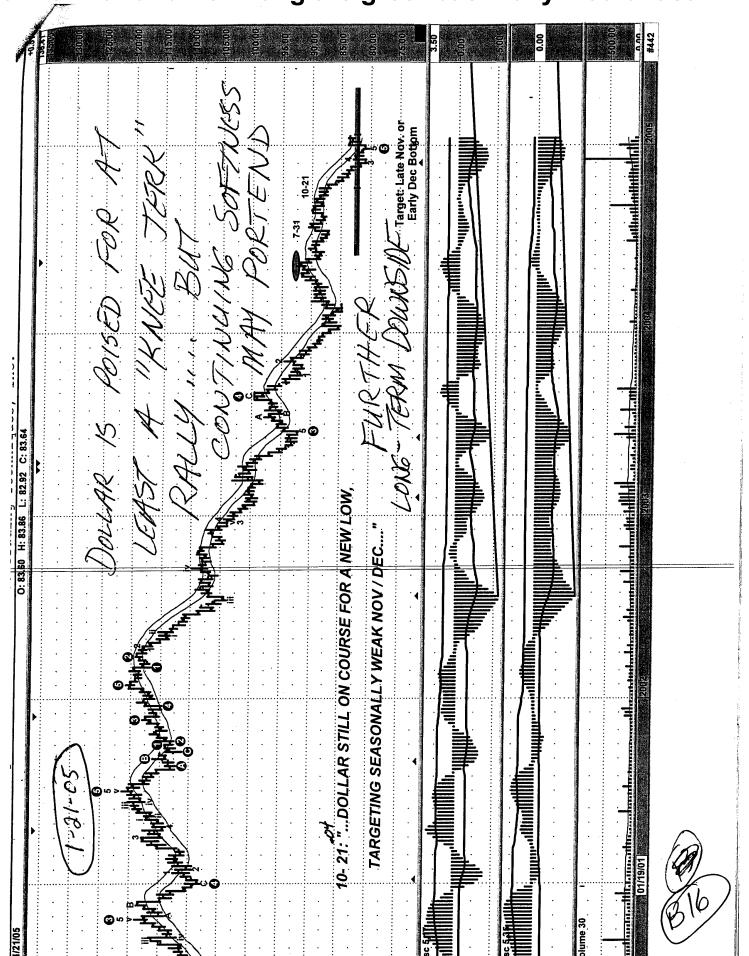
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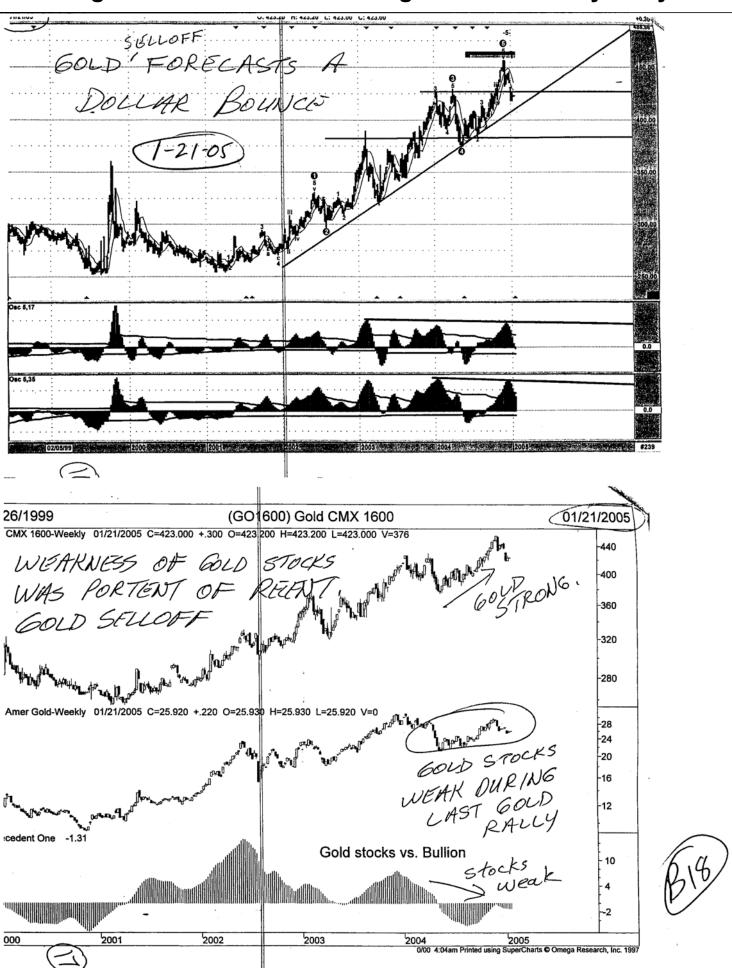




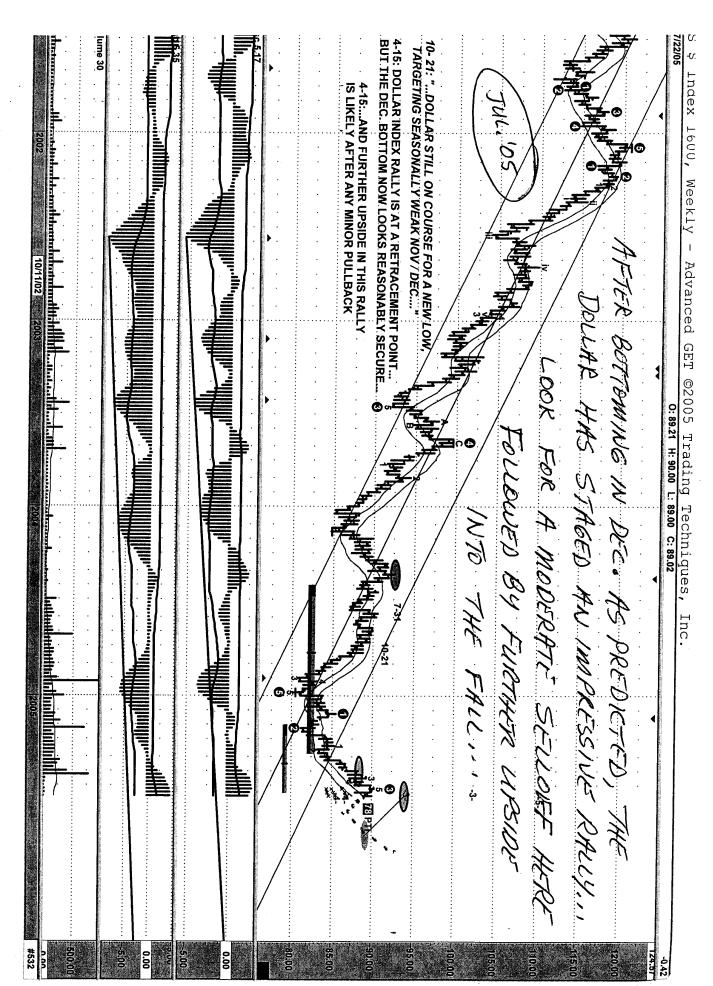
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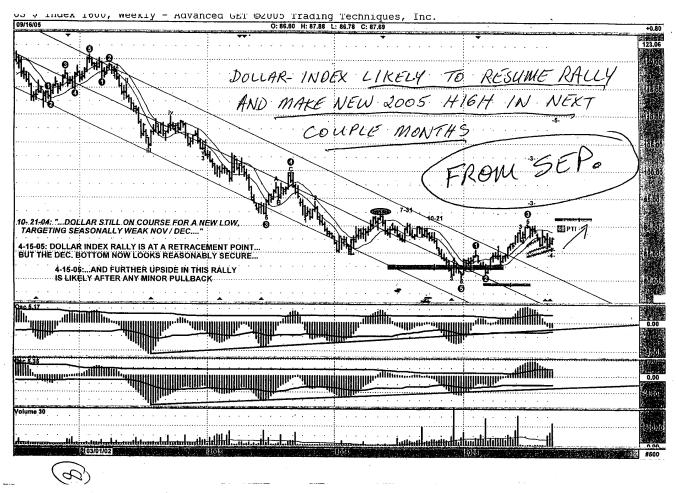


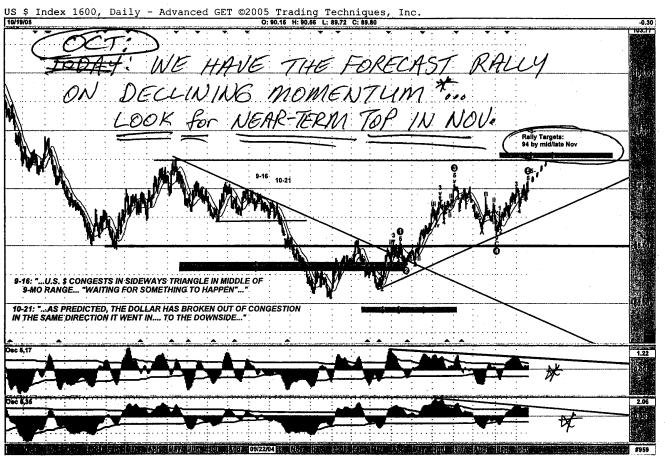
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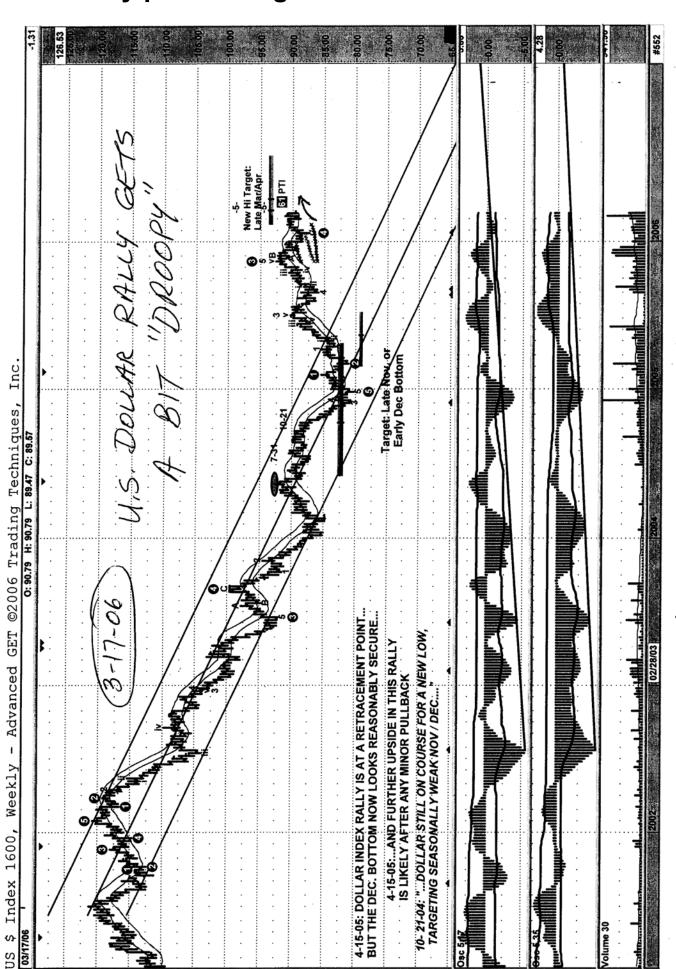






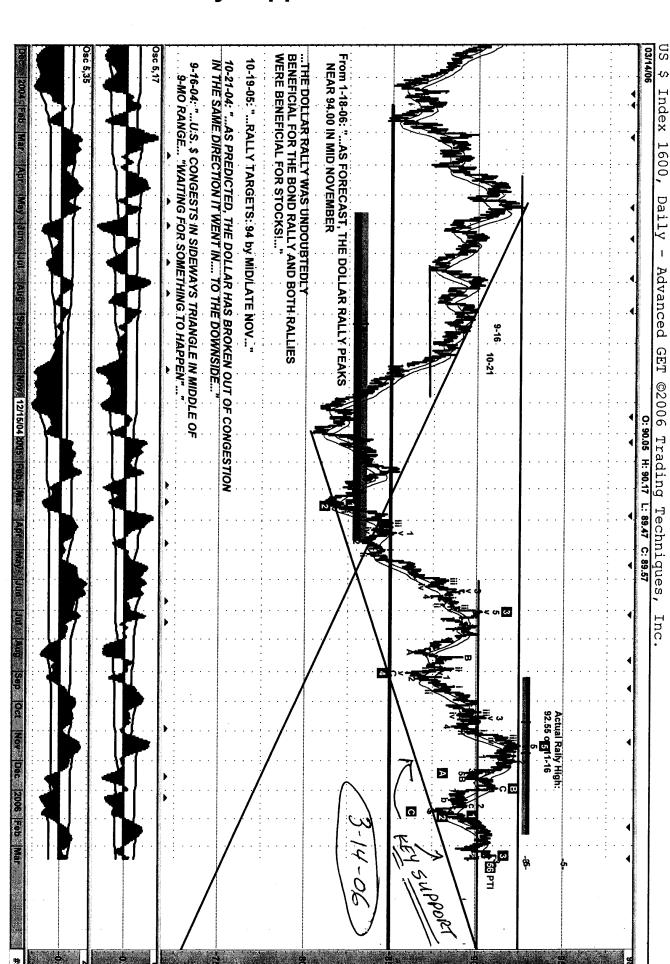


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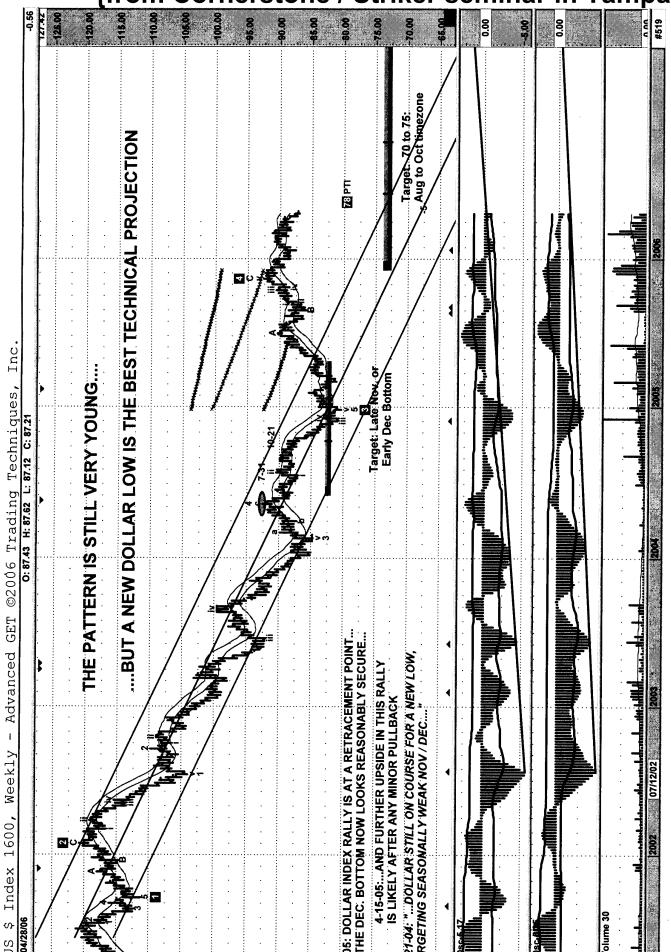


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### ...and our key support lines were broken...



4-29-06: "New dollar low is the best technical projection" {from Cornerstone / Striker seminar in Tampa}



## G-7 Statement May Hurt the Dollar

By LAURENCE NORMAN

The dollar could be in for a rough ride this week, especially against Asian currencies, as the market feels the reverberations of the latest communiqué from the Group of Seven leading industrial nations.

The main point of discord among currency analysts wasn't whether the G-7

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statement would increase the pressure on an alreadyfalling dollar. Rather, it was

which would take the greatest toll: the G-7's position on currencies or its warnings about global imbalances.

Late Friday in New York, the euro was at \$1.2349, up from \$1.2323 late Thursday. The dollar was at 116.65 yen, down from 117.55 yen. The euro was trading around 144.05 yen, down from 144.85 yen.

In its statement, the G-7 singled out China, saying, "Greater exchange-rate flexibility is desirable in emerging economies with large current-account surpluses, especially China, for necessary adjustments" in global imbalances to occur.

Global imbalances are G-7 buzzwords for the huge U.S. current-account deficit, alongside Asia's high savings rates, due in part to undervalued currencies.

The International Monetary Fund last week said correcting the imbalances will likely mean dollar declines. While the G-7 statement made no such comment, the heightened focus on imbalances prompted several analysts to suggest exactly that will happen.

After the G-7 statement, European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet and Bank of Japan Gov. Toshihiko Fukui said the statement wasn't a signal the group was seeking a weaker dollar.

The call for China to allow greater flexibility in the yuan seemed unlikely to have a quick effect. On Saturday, People's Bank of China Gov. Zhou Xiaochuan told reporters "the speed of moving forward [on yuan appreciation] is OK." He even suggested the yuan's glacial rise was in the U.S. interest, since "we invest in U.S. Treasurvs and subsidize U.S. consumers."

Nonetheless, Alan Ruskin, head of international strategy at RBS Markets in Greenwich, Conn., said he believed the statement could produce considerable volatility. "The market's inclinations certainly [will be] to give Asian currencies a decent jolt" higher against the dollar, fie said.

-Azam Ahmed, Denis McMahon and Lingling Wei contributed to this article.

# Treasury's Latest Deficit Figures Could Pressure Dollar Downward

By AZAM AHMED

The dollar could come under the gun this week when trading resumes after the long holiday weekend.

In an environment where any surprises on the data front can cause ripples in the currency market, the U.S. currency is likely to see more downside pressure ahead of a host of U.S. statistics. Top-level international meetings could cast a shadow over the dollar.

With many major financial centers closed Friday in observance of spring hol-

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idays and foreignexchange trading largely dormant, the dollar was little changed to slightly higher.

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late Thursday. The dollar was at 118.67 yen from 118.47 yen and at 1.2985 Swiss francs from 1.2975 francs. The pound was at \$1.7511 from \$1.7522, while the euro was at 143.69 yen from 143.45 yen.

Aside from the holiday-induced torpor at the end of last week, currency markets have been volatile over the past several weeks. Investors have attempted to assess when the Federal Reserve will stop lifting interest rates and shifting opinions have caused some ups and downs for

The dollar rally that started two weeks ago—after European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet slashed expectations for a May rate increase by the European Central Bank—was preceded by severe dollar weakness that saw the dollar at its 2006 low versus the euro.

Though interest rates still attract most attention in currency markets, analysts are beginning to focus on the U.S. twin deficits, particularly as it seems likely that Fed will stop raising rates sometime in the near term. Market expectations are for the Fed to lift rates to 5%, then pause, from 4.75%.

This deficit fear will be particularly relevant when the Treasury International Capital System data are released at 9 a.m. EDT today by the Treasury Department.

A Dow Jones survey of five banks looks for the average net foreign buying of U.S. securities to have fallen in February to \$61.4 billion from \$66 billion in January and \$53.8 billion in December, and sharply down from \$91.6 billion in November.

The most dollar-negative scenario is likely to occur if net inflows fall short of covering, the February trade deficit, which narrowed to \$65.7 billion.

The arrival this week of Chinese President, Hu Jintao comes at a time when trade tensions are steadily escalating in the U.S. The Treasury and the Bush administration have been vocal ahead of the visit about the need for China to al-

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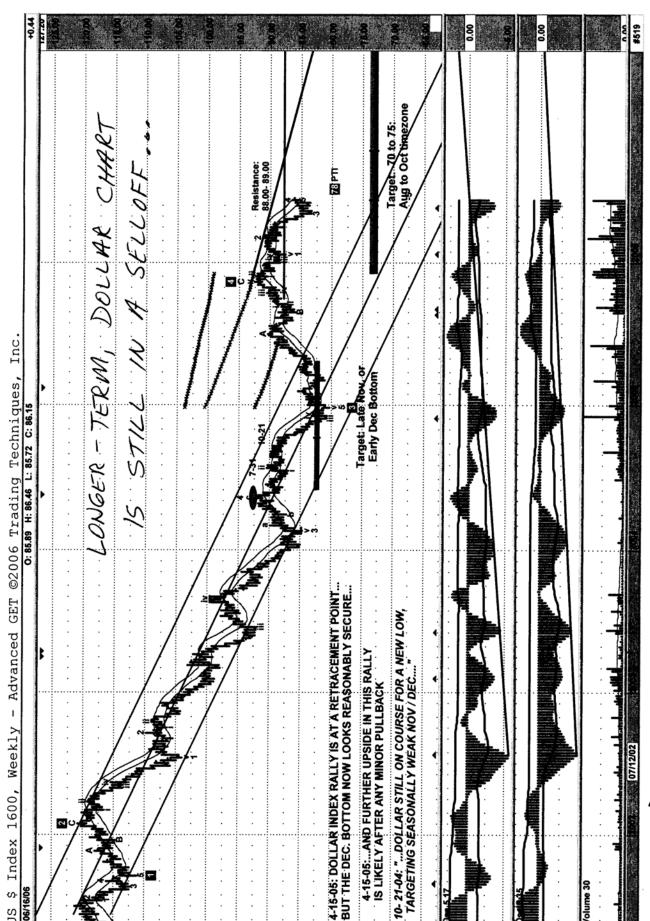
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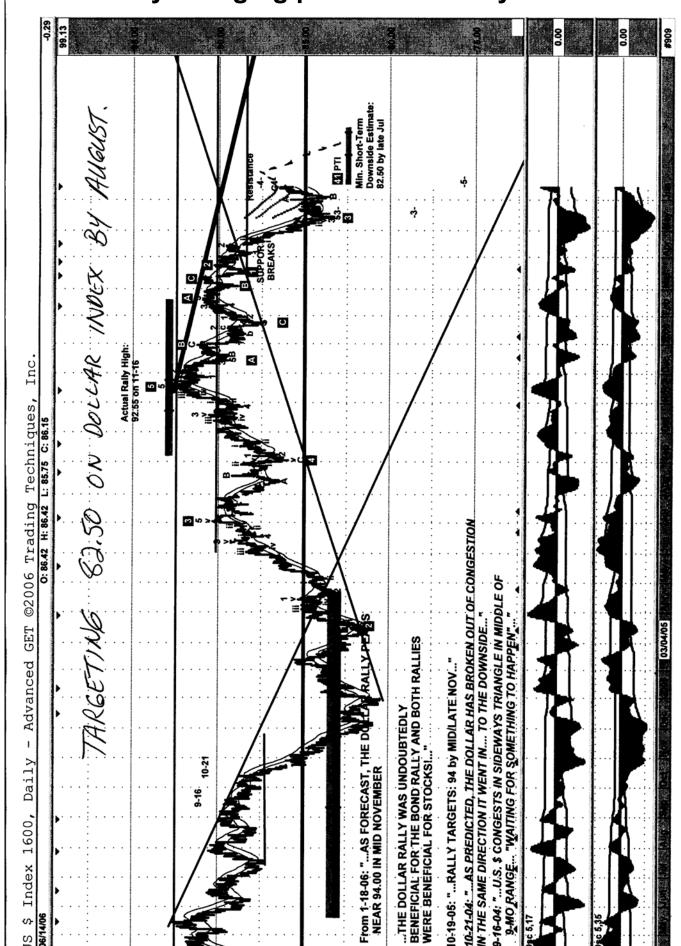
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6-15-06: Dollar rallying within an intact downtrend. Chart still projects further lows. HOWEVER, hedging activity is at least short-term supportive. Note vague H&S. Market lacks clarity.



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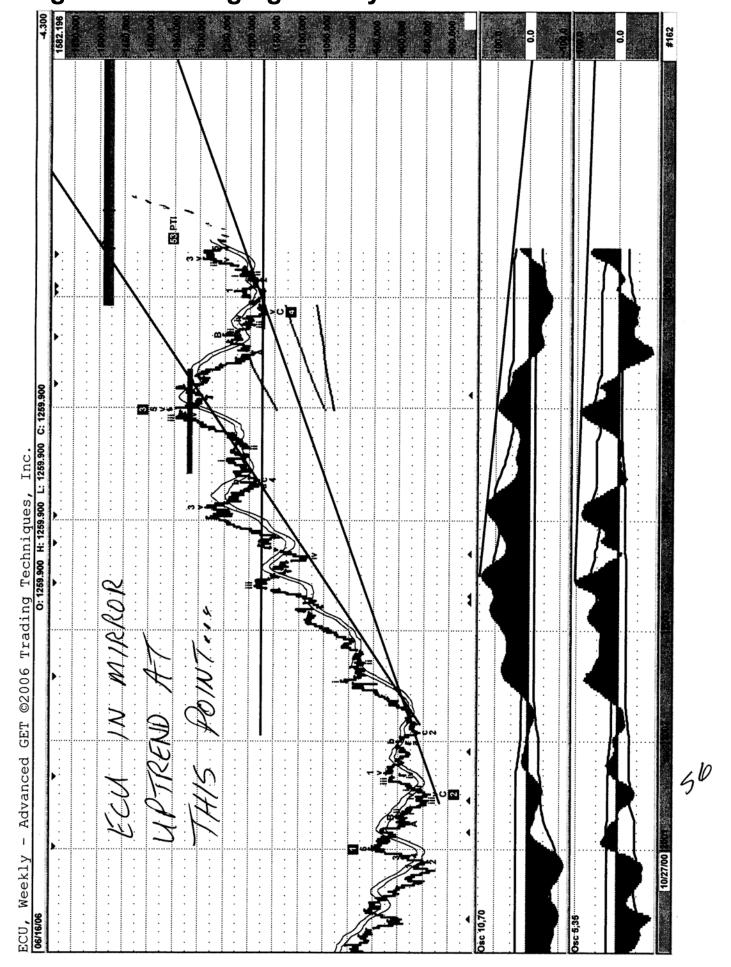
# Strict US\$ chart reading is still bearish. Watch resistance lines closely! Hedging pressure is likely to test them!



"WILD CARD"; Will global Market change the dollar direction?? +urmoil **CURRENCIES** is port in stormy seas By Steve Johnson 6-14-06 despite the central bank derived from inflation-proof Japan will move," said Mr Halpenny, who added that the next Tankan survey of intervening to buy lira for tected securities in the US, Emerging market currencies the first time since May 2004. France, Japan and the UK were sold off again vesterday after sharp falls for equity The Polish zloty fell 0.6 per have been declining since Japanese business sentiment cent to 4.0169 zlotys to the mid-May when the spike in might disappoint because of indices across the develop- euro, a seven-month low, risk aversion began. the turmoil. ing world. and the Icelandic krona slid "The big worry for global Tony Norfield, global head Currency weakness spread 1.5 per cent to IKr75.14 to the markets appears to be that of FX strategy at ABN Day's from Indonesia to South dollar as Fitch Ratings said lingering upward pressure Amro, said fears that foreign Africa, Poland, Turkey, Ice-Iceland's economy was headon inflation will mean ceninvestors would continue to 700.93 land and Chile. ing for a "hard landing" and tral banks are slow to ease sell Japanese stocks, a proc-In contrast, the US dollar a sharp drop in employment. policy in response to softer ess that has happened for 14 5467.4 chalked up its seventh suc-The South African rand economic and financial marconsecutive trading days, 4594.34 cessive daily gain as it once again proved a safe haven fell 1.1 per cent to R6.825, an ket conditions. The legenwere weighing on the yen. 5262.21 11-month low, weighed down dary Greenspan put, where "A number of our clients amid the financial storm. by the continuing slide in the Fed cut rates at the first have been dumping the yen The sell-off started in Asia, gold prices. Tumbling copper for this reason," he said. sign of trouble, has expired." where Japan's Nikkei 225 prices led the Chilean peso Among leading currencies, The dollar continued to k ago equity index crashed 4.1 per to fall 0.6 per cent to 546 the yen was sold off well gain from the turmoil, firm-₽/E cent, before spreading west. pesos to the dollar. after the close of Tokyo ing a fraction to \$1.2582 to In Asia, the Indonesian Opinion was divided on trade, tumbling 0.6 per cent the euro and \$1.8399 against 12.5 10.8 12.6 16.7 rupiah fell 0.8 per cent to the cause of the turmoil. to Y115.06 to the dollar, 0.6 sterling. Rp9,485 to the dollar, a five-"The inflation concern has per cent to Y144.77 to the Marc Chandler, at Brown month low, and the South become a scare, putting euro and 0.5 per cent to Brothers Harriman, saw Korean won shed 0.5 per equity and commodity mar-Y211.73 against sterling. signs that the dollar rally cent to Won961.3. The New kets under substantial sell-Derek Halpenny, senior might be running out of Zealand dollar, the country ing pressure," said Hans currency economist at Bank steam given the small gain having seen significant port-Redeker, head of currency of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, off the back of weak German folio inflows - meaning there strategy at BNP Paribas. suggested the 18 per cent fall investor sentiment data, but are long positions to be However, Steve Pearson, of the Nikkei 225 since mid-Michael Woolfolk, at Bank of exited - fell 1 per cent to chief currency strategist at April could delay the ending New York, predicted that US \$0.6223. HBOS, said: "Markets do not of Japan's zero interest rate interest rates would rise policy. As the contagion spread, appear to be worried about from 5 to 6 per cent by the the Turkish lira tumbled 2.8 inflation itself. This is evi-"If market sentiment is middle of next year, providper cent to a three-year low still fragile come July, it is denced by the fact that ing potential fuel for further of TL1.5962 to the dollar, break-even inflation rates very unlikely that the Bank dollar gains. TO A FALLING DOLLAR: SHORT TERM BOOSTS 1) Flight from emerging markets + rencies (2) Flight To Treasury bonds (3) Collapsing Gold, the dollar's mirror market

What has possibly changed in just a few weeks?...

ECU: A "so-so" bullish chart. Watch support lines closely! Note vague H&S. Hedging activity at least short-term bearish.



## Silver lining: If the Dollar softens, it will likely help U.S. corporate foreign earnings translations....

A Chinese couple patronizes a McDonald's restaurant in Shanghai. The company's international business produced about 66 percent of its sales in 2004.

## Strong dollar may weaken profits of firms doing overseas business

quarterly advance against the cent of sales in 2004, according euro, since 2001. The increase to data compiled by Bloomberg may have the most effect on Currency translation account makers of consumer staples, such as food, beverages and household items, whose shares, fourth quarter.

weakening, and that looks as if it's going to shift in the other direction," said Sean Fitzgibbon, manager of the Boston Co. Large Cap Core Fund in Boston. "It's becoming a concern."

The dollar gained 7.1 percent against the euro in the quarter, and also advanced against the yen. As the U.S. currency climbs, goods and services become more expensive to international buyers and the value of overseas sales decreases when translated into dollars.

McDonald's earnings and

By Dune Lawrence

Bloomberg News

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U.S. companies that generate most of their revenue overseas, such as McDonald's Corp. and Colgate-Palmolive Co., may trail the stock market this year as the dollar's surge hurts sales

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Button, chief investment Officer at Tradition Capital Manage ment in Summit, N.J.

Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., and Shares of firms that lend up missing are going to be marked down, said Halliburton, who added that firms that sell to Europe may be hit file hardest.

Brook-based burger giant in respects to clients.

Boston Co.'s Fitzgibbon cited

The dollar posted its biggest a business produced about 66 per-example of an industry that may ed for 4 percentage points of a 10 percent sales increase in the

> percent increase in fourth-quarter reve<u>nue.</u>

> Food, beverage and tobacco companies in the S&P 500 made an average of 44 percent of their sales overseas in 2004, while the figure for household and personal-products companies was about 52 percent; Bloomberg data show. The average for the benchmark overall is 27 per-

"I would be shocked if they managed to get through without anyone saying the strong dollar McDonald's earnings and hurt us and we're going to miss share price may slide because of our earnings," said Ben Halli-

as the dollar's surge hurts sales cent reports to clients. Boston Co.'s Pitzgibbon cited and earnings. McDonald's international medical device makers as an exsuffer the most because of the dollar's strength.

Zimmer Holdings Inc., the world's largest maker of orthopedic products, said in June that annual sales will be \$49 milhave outperformed the Standard & Poor's 500 index in 2005.

"Over the past few years, a lot of these companies have gotten a tailwind from the U.S. dollar gains produced a third of its 9 sales would be \$3.33 billion to respectively and the Locks as if the sales with the 345 finite part of the dollar stays where it has companies have gotten a tailwind from the U.S. dollar gains produced a third of its 9 sales would be \$3.33 billion to respectively and the Locks as if \$3.35 billion.

Earnings for S&P 500 companies may rise 7.6 percent this year instead of 10 percent as long as the dollar stays near its current level, David Rosenberg, chief North American economist for Merrill Lynch & Co., wrote in a recent note to clients. The increase for 2006 would probably be reduced to 3 percent from 10 percent, he wrote.

Investors such as Janna Sampson noted, however, that when a company makes products abroad its costs and sales are both in local currency.

THE SILVER LINING: A weaker dollar would likely help U.S. dollar would likely help U.S. Corporate Profits (¿stock Market).