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### TREASURY ANNOUNCES MARKET BORROWING ESTIMATES

The Treasury Department announced on Monday that its net market borrowing for the January - March 1996 quarter is estimated to be \$85.3 billion, with a cash balance of \$20 billion on March 31. The Treasury also announced that its net market borrowing for the April - June 1996 quarter is estimated to be in the range of \$0 to \$5 billion, with a cash balance of \$35 billion on June 30. These estimates do not include new cash to be raised in the June 2-year and 5-year notes, which will settle on July 1, 1996.

In the quarterly announcement of its borrowing needs on October 30, 1995, the Treasury estimated net market borrowing for the January - March quarter to be in a range of \$70 billion to \$75 billion, assuming a \$20 billion cash balance on March 31. The current estimate primarily reflects a shift in outlays from the first quarter of the fiscal year to the second quarter. Given the uncertainty with respect to the timing of final action on several appropriation bills for FY 1996, it is possible that the Treasury's borrowing requirement in the January - March quarter will be reduced from the \$85.3 billion that the Treasury announced today.

Actual net market borrowing in the October - December quarter was \$48.1 billion, while the end-of-quarter cash balance was \$20.5 billion. On October 30, the Treasury estimated net market borrowing for the October - December quarter to be \$61.5 billion, with a \$20.0 billion cash balance on December 31. The difference in net market borrowing was primarily the result of lower than estimated outlays.

The regular Treasury quarterly refunding press conference will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 1996.