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The main event during the day has been the monthly US trade figures. The latest monthly deficit was \$10.8 billion, much higher than was expected.

This has led to some worries in the markets on both sides of the Atlantic. Wall Street initially dropped 28 points on the Dow after the opening, but is now back to 18 points down. The FT-SE 100 dropped quite sharply after lunch to 35 points down on the day, but is now back to 26 points down.

On the foreign exchanges the dollar weakened a little on the news and sterling went down with it. Latest sterling rates are \$1.582 and DM 2.929. But the effective is still at 89, the same as last night's close.

3 monthly money market rates are now exactly 15 per cent.

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The London markets have opened very quietly this morning following the firm overnight tone in New York and Japan.

At 0945 the FT-SE 100 Index was up 11 points at 2175, but fell back at 1000 to the opening level.

On the foreign exchanges the pound is little changed on last night at a touch under \$1.58 and DM 2.94. The effective index which closed last night at 89.0 is now 89.2.

In the money markets three-month rates are just a touch over 15 per cent.

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