Events in Mexico in 1994

1994 was an election year. The government wanted honest elections, but it also wanted the ruling *Partido Revolucionario Institucional* to win.

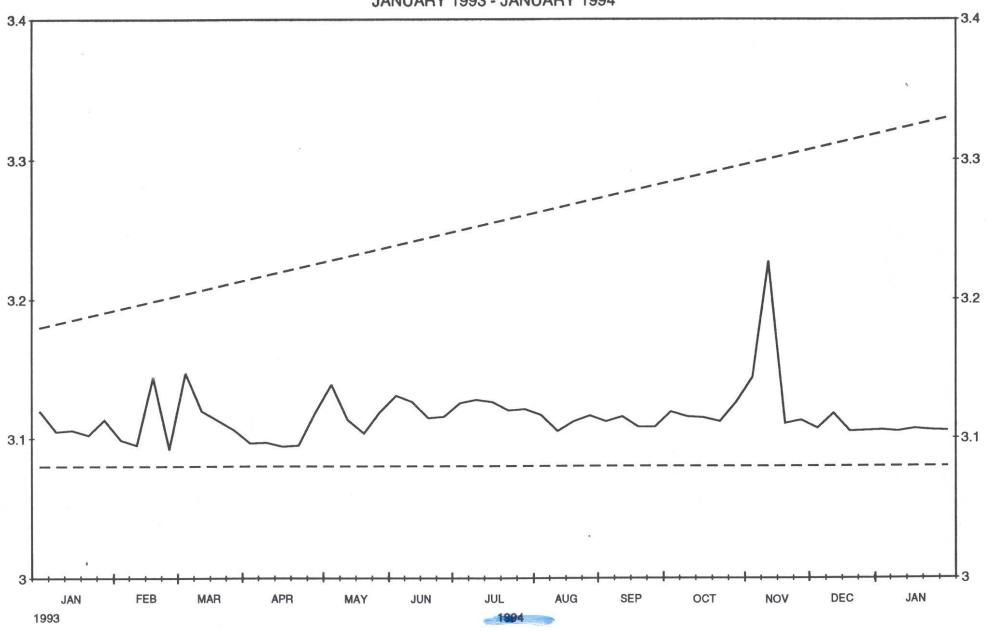
There was enormous political uncertainty following the assassination of the PRI candidate in March.

Every time there was bad political news, more investors moved their investments out of Mexico.

The government gambled with its monetary policy and debt policy that the political situation would stabilize and that capital inflows would resume. A similar gamble had been successful in 1993.

This time the government lost the gamble.

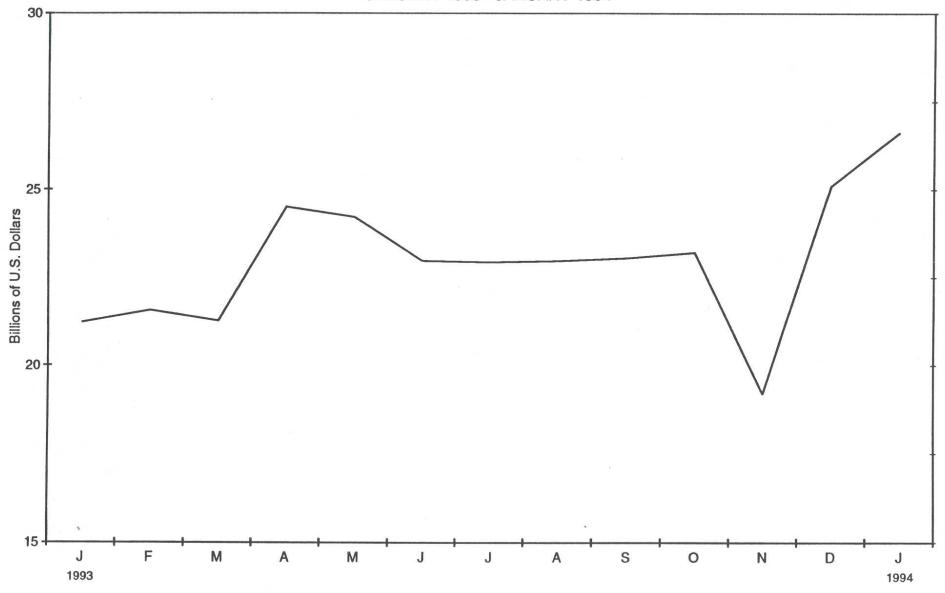
PESOS per DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE* JANUARY 1993 - JANUARY 1994



^{*} New York market. Average rate on last day of the week.

Source: Tradeline International

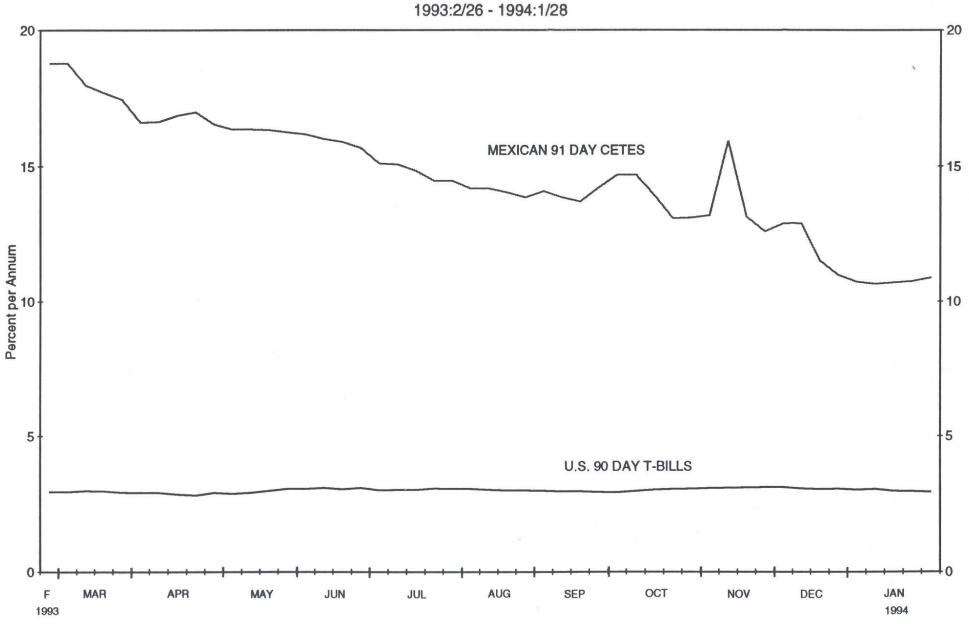
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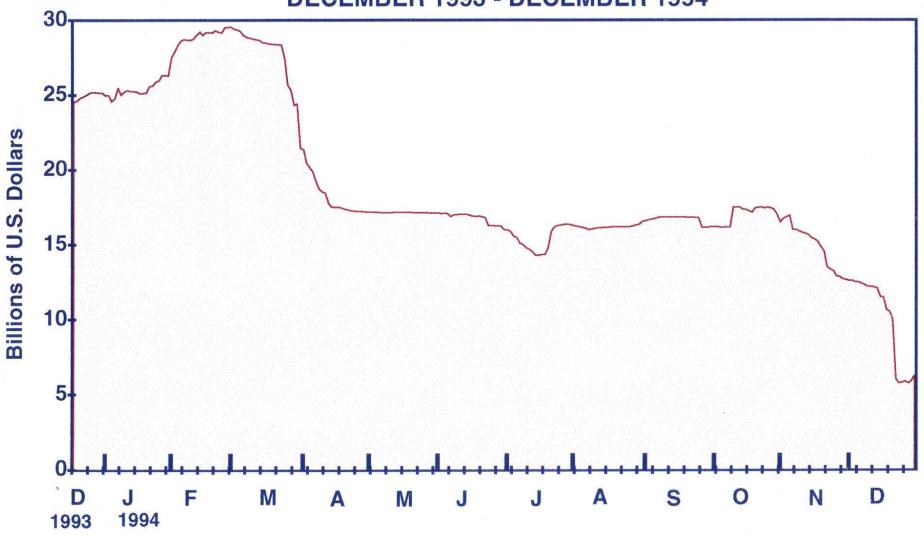
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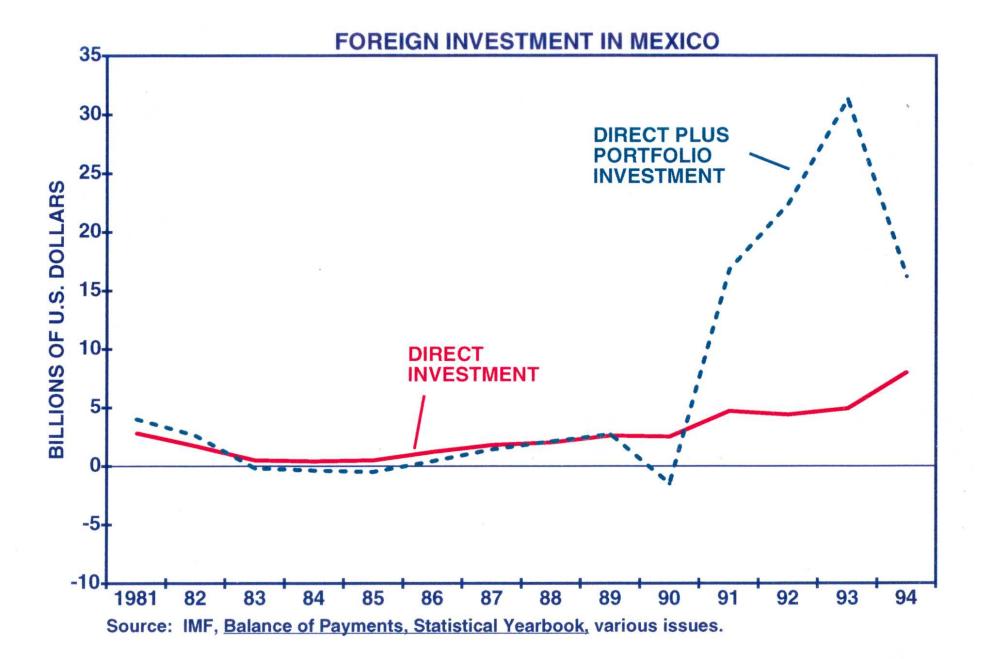
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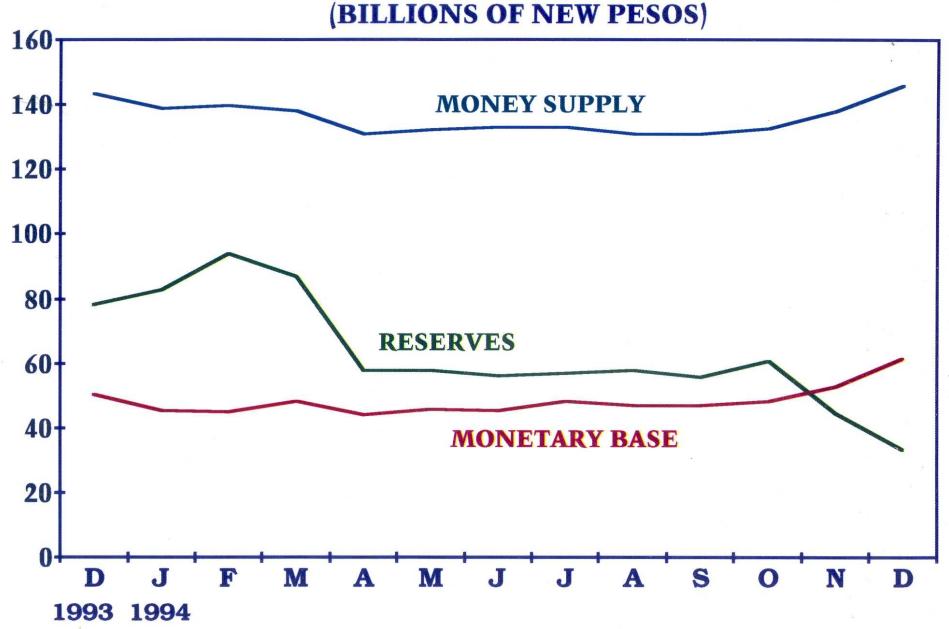


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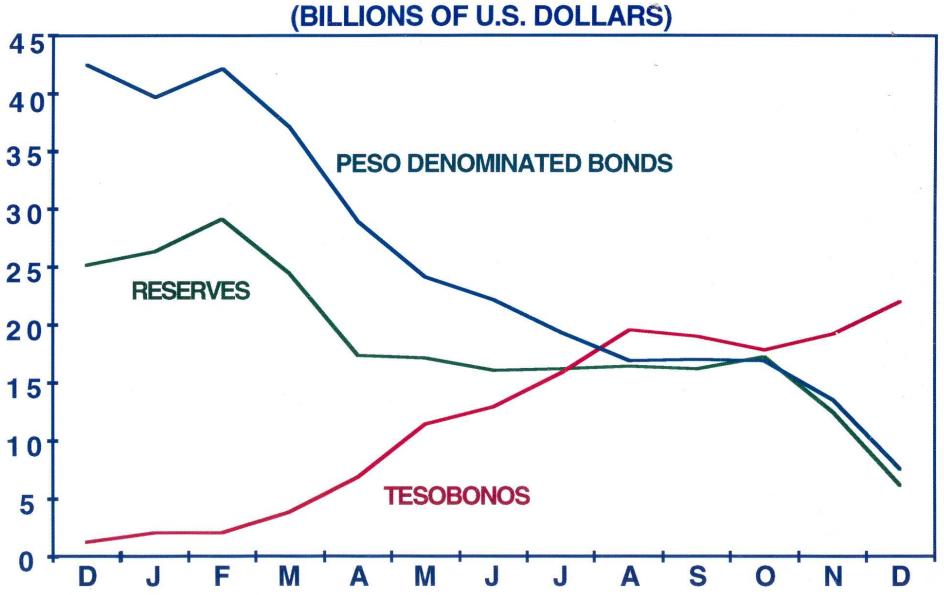
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INTERNATIONAL RESERVES VS. MONEY SUPPLY (BILLIONS OF NEW PESOS)

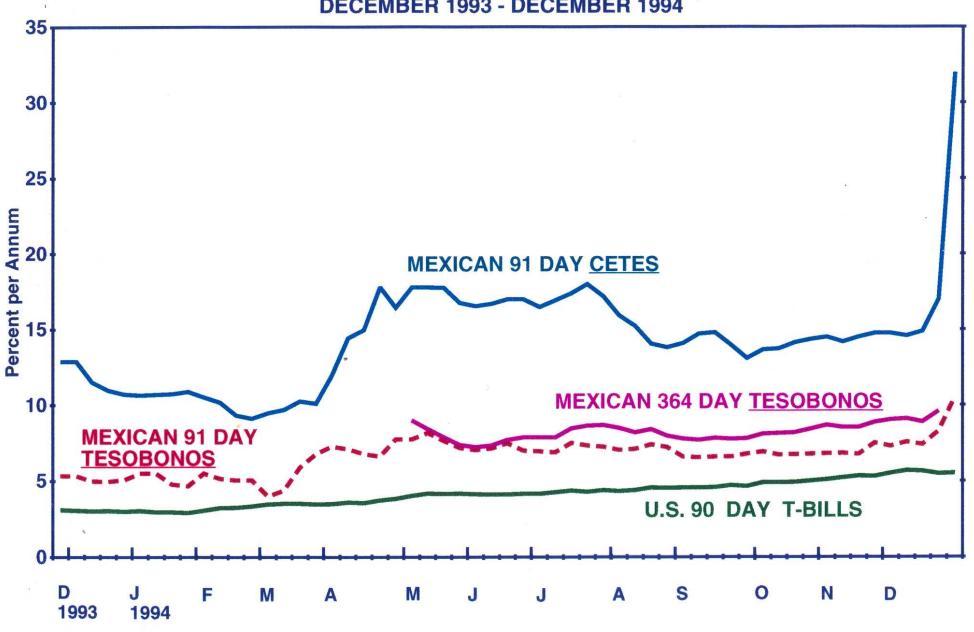


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