

**TABLE 26**

PRELIMINARY DATA ANALYSIS  
 QUARTERLY DATA: 1953:2–1985:3

*Spot Yield Spreads and Real Consumption Growth*

Variable <sup>a</sup>	Obs.	Mean	Std. Dev.	$\rho_1$	$\rho_2$	$\rho_3$	$\rho_4$	$\rho_8$	$\rho_{12}$
<i>One Quarter Measures 1959:1–1985:2</i>									
Cons. Growth	105	.00490	.00534	.23	.15	.25	.11	-.17	-.01
Ex Post Spread	105	.00127	.00439	-.35	-.11	.21	-.04	-.11	-.16
Ex Ante Spread	105	.00130	.00117	.24	.12	.03	.13	.10	.02
Nominal Spread	105	.00261	.00234	.24	.12	.03	.13	.10	.02
<i>Two Quarter Measures 1963:4–1985:1</i>									
Cons. Growth	85	.01025	.00890	.67	.34	.32	.14	-.11	-.00
Ex Post Spread	85	.00266	.00852	.03	-.28	.19	.04	-.25	-.17
Ex Ante Spread	85	.00287	.00261	.37	.09	.05	.15	.01	.01
Nominal Spread	85	.00287	.00261	.37	.09	.05	.15	.01	.01
<i>Three Quarter Measures 1963:3–1984:4</i>									
Cons. Growth	85	.01548	.01167	.84	.61	.34	.18	-.08	-.03
Ex Post Spread	85	.00349	.01289	.14	-.03	.02	.03	-.26	-.13
Ex Ante Spread	85	.00378	.00550	.33	.22	.08	-.08	-.08	-.09
Nominal Spread	85	.00378	.00550	.33	.22	.08	-.08	-.08	-.09

<sup>a</sup> Cons. Growth = Real per capita growth in Consumption of Non-Durables and Services, Ex Post Spread = Spread calculated as the difference between realized real rates of interest (annualized) on instruments that have different time to maturity (i.e.  $YS_1=R_2-2*R_1$ ), Ex Ante Spread = Spread calculated as the difference between expected real rates of interest (annualized) on instruments that have different time to maturity.