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pursue independent monetary policies, stabilize their exchange rates,

and benefit from free cross-border financial flows. Drawing on a trove of previously confidential data, Strained Relations reveals the evolution of US policy regarding currency market intervention, and its interaction with monetary policy. The authors consider how foreign-exchange intervention was affected by changing economic and institutional circumstances-most notably the abandonment of the international gold standard-and how political and bureaucratic factors affected this aspect of public policy.