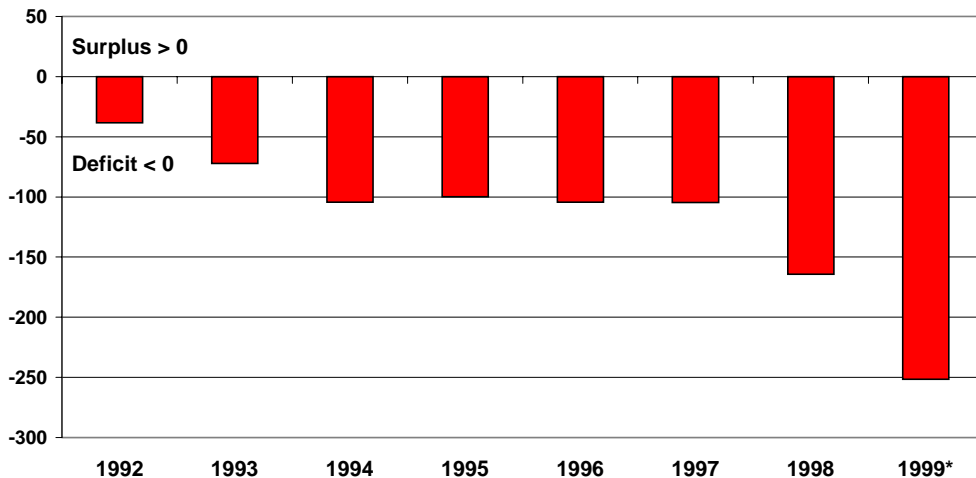


CHART 1

The U.S. Trade Deficit Has Increased in the 1990s, as Imports Have Grown Faster than Exports

Annual Figures, Billions of Dollars



Source: Commerce Department. Includes goods and services. * 1999 through August, annualized.