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MARKET DATA:

	LAST	CHANGE	% CHG
DJIA	25052.83	-545.91	-2.13%
Nasdaq	7329.06	-92.99	-1.25%
S&P 500	2728.37	-57.31	-2.06%
Russell 2000	1545.38	-30.03	-1.91%
Global Dow	2945.10	-68.54	-2.27%
Japan: Nikkei 225	22590.86	-915.18	-3.89%
Stoxx Europe 600	359.65	-7.28	-1.98%

Issues	NYSE	NASDAQ
Advancing	640	840
Declining	2,386	2,248
Unchanged	58	94
Total	3,084	3,182
Issues at		
New 52 Week High	9	13
New 52 Week Low	526	401
Share Volume		
Total	4,904,871,336	3,148,339,170
Advancing	823,819,940	1,151,286,536
Declining	4,063,384,296	1,981,732,363
Unchanged	17,667,100	15,320,271

Source: wsj.com

MY VIEW:

Markets:

Markets plunged again today as the DJI led all other major indices lower, losing 545 points (over 2.1%) by the close. From the peak of October 3 to today's low, the DJI lost over 2000 points. As we said last week, watch the air being let out of all the upward manipulated stocks, which includes the 30 large caps stocks in the DJI.

The S&P 500 also plummeted by over 2%, now on a 6-day losing streak, while the Russell

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2000 fell 1.9%. Daily moves over 1% in an index are considered meaningful. Over 2% is significant.

Tech stocks were not as weak today as they were yesterday, which led to the NASDAQ having the smallest loss today, although it was down 1.3%.

All four major indices are now below their 200-day moving averages, **a level that the DJI, NASDAQ, nor the Russell 2000 has closed below anytime this year.** That suggests they are in bear markets or on the way there.

The VIX (volatility/fear index) hit its highest level since the super-fast plunge going into February 12th and is now near 25.

At the close, there were 529 stocks making new 52 week lows on the NYSE, which was higher than the 502 yesterday. That's bearish. It means that even more stocks were weaker today than yesterday.

We also had higher total volume by about 10% with 4.9 billion shares traded on the NYSE, which is also bearish on a big decline.

All 11 S&P sectors suffered losses once again today with Energy getting hit hard today, falling 3.1%. Crude oil's 3% decline is to be blamed for weakness in Energy stocks as Crude settled around \$70.97/bbl, a three-week low. But why was oil down? Fears of global recessions, which of course you can't say yet if you want to be considered rational.

Five other sectors dropped more than 2% lower today including Financials, Real Estate, Health Care, Consumer Staples, and Industrials. This is more than a sentence. Imagine, each of these important sectors was down what is considered "significant."

Looking at the sector ETFs, 8 of the 11 are now below their 200-day moving averages. That is also significant. It means they are in bear markets using the definition used by technicians.

The chart below shows how the S&P 500 was manipulated far higher than the very broad NYSE COMPOSITE, which includes many more stocks. The spread between the two indices went to an extreme. The blue line is S&P, the candlestick is the NYSE. Now the plunge narrowed the spread again, although it is still not back to normal.



At about 2:30 pm EST today a huge sell-program hit the markets. The loss in the major indices doubled in a very short time. It was “urgent dumping.”

This was very reminiscent of April 2000. At that time hedgefund ace Stanley Druckenmiller, who managed the Soros funds, decided he had overstayed the longs and had to get out. He knew that trying to do it slowly over time would alert market makers and other funds, which would cause them to sell ahead of him. So he decided to dump everything at once. It produced a shockingly big decline that day.

He turned out to be right as that turned into the big bear market of 2000-2002. The top of the NASDAQ was made the prior month on March 10, the day we wrote:

“When the Fed takes this attitude, it results in a crash.” We started selling short at that time.

Commentary:

At the low today, the DJI was down 699 points. Some say that was “capitulation,” which would mark at least a temporary bottom. However, in our opinion, that should have been followed by a rally into the close. Instead, the market weakened meaningfully into the close. That suggests the bottom is not in place although a bounce could occur.

We have written this week that the technicals and market behavior are very similar to what we saw ahead of the Crash of 1987. Today was once again similar. That suggests the market could see a real “flush out,” possibly on Friday (tomorrow) or Monday.

Now the over-invested money managers are looking at sectors that are most vulnerable to

rising interest rates, and a weaker economy. It's a little late. Had they followed our [WELLINGTON LETTER](#), they would have done that for several months.

The insurance firms are getting hit. They have their reserves in bonds and Treasuries. Rising rates cause these investments to decline significantly.

Expectedly, the failed economic advisors of the past were criticizing president Trump for his remark that the tight policy of the Fed is "crazy." He could have said it more diplomatically, but that's Trump. He doesn't beat around the bush.

Early this morning the stock market tried to rally as word was of a possible meeting of President Trump with Chinese President Xi Jinping at next month's G-20 meeting in Argentina. Remember, yesterday we said that a trade agreement with China would cause a big short covering rally, although trade is not the problem for the stock market right now.

However, that meeting won't occur until November 26. That gets us beyond the November 6 election, into what we consider could be a more positive period for the markets. If the GOP wins as we expect, it would give president Trump a strong hand going into that meeting.

The big problem period is ahead of the election. Thereafter, there could be some good buys for those who have cash. Depending on the election outcome, there could be some big short covering after the election.

Tomorrow kicks off "earnings season" with a few of the major banks reporting, including JP Morgan. We'll have to see if Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPM, can place another "Jamie Dimon Put" as he did on February 11, 2016 when he announced (and bought) \$26.6 million of JPM stock. That day marked the bottom of the market correction at the time.

CURRENT POSITIONS—LONGS:

We would have closed out both long positions (gold miners) today with nice profits per yesterday's message as they were up sharply. They should have a pullback tomorrow.

CURRENT POSITIONS—SHORT SALES:

Our new short positions had a great day, with all but two closing lower, one of which plunged over 10% today. We would hold.

Symbol	Name	Price	\$ Day Change
SHAK	Shake Shack Inc	55.98	-1.22
Down 2.1% today. People love their burgers. But a P/E of 561? Support is at 55, and then 45.			
HES	Hess Corp	65.50	-1.69
Declined over 2.5%, sliding below its 100-day m.a. but pared some of its losses to close above that level. It is in the energy business. The energy complex will now have the air let out of it. Plunging markets bring specters of recessions, which bring the thought that there will be less energy consumption.			
CMC	Commercial Metals Co	19.00	-0.37
Fell to a new low for the year after losing 1.9%. Has a lofty P/E of 42. It is in the steel business.			
CF	CF Industries Holdings Inc	51.13	+0.79
Mild rise after its 8% plunge yesterday. It is in the agriculture and fertilizer business. The balloon was blown up over the past 2 months and now the gas will be let out. Had a big drop today. But that is only day one.			
AAXN	Axon Enterprise Inc	56.19	-1.47
Dropped 2.5% to set a new 4-month close. It makes tasers, body cameras for law enforcement, etc. Has a lofty P/E of 180. The 45 area is a good target.			
GRUB	GrubHub Inc	114.33	-3.49
Fell 3% while "filling a gap" from late July. It's in the food delivery business. Has a P/E of 89. The business is getting saturated. People will have to eat a lot more to make these firms successful. What if they all go on Weight Watchers and no one eats restaurant food anymore because you don't know what goes into the food. On the chart, the 100 would be a good first target.			
TWLO	Twilio Inc	69.29	+1.27
Slight rise back above its 100-day m.a. In the cloud software business. The 60 area is first support perhaps for a bounce. Eventually could see it around 40.			
I	Intelsat SA	29.34	-0.14
Mildly lower, now down 5 consecutive days. First support is 25 area. Should go at least to 20. No earnings.			

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SQ

Square Inc

69.03

-8.42

Plunged 10.9% today, falling and closing below its 100-day m.a. for the first time this year. It's in the digital payment business. Was blown up into the late September top to a price of 100. Many are trapped at high prices now. There will be dumping by these people. First support is 70 area. Eventually the 58 area.

New subscribers: any of the above could be considered after you check them out yourself.

CONCLUSION:

The market volatility has soared. Intraday trading is not recommended by us as it gets your emotions involved.

Nobody can forecast each of the daily moves. However, we do know that any upside potential is very limited because of the great supply overhanging the market.

Wishing you successful trading,

Bert Dohmen and team

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