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WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					Jan. 1 to Dec. 7
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	
	Dec. 7	Nov. 30*	Nov. 23*	Nov. 16	Dec. 7	
Boston	-1	-21	+1	-8	-7	-2
New York	-7	-22	+10	-1	-6	+1
Philadelphia	-14	-22	+2	-5	-11	0
Cleveland	-7	r-22	+7	-5	-8	-2
Richmond	-11	r-23	-3	-3	-11	+1
Atlanta	+3	r-8	-10	-6	-5	+1
Chicago	-3	r-23	+1	-10	-9	+1
St. Louis	-2	-21	+3	-14	-8	-1
Minneapolis	0	-14	-8	-3	-6	+1
Kansas City	-2	-18	+9	-8	-5	0
Dallas	-7	-14	+16	-7	-3	+2
San Francisco	-8	-18	+5	-8	-8	0
U. S. Total	-5	r-19	+4	-6	-7	0

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 1/

1957		1956		1955	
Nov. 9	135	Nov. 10	137	Nov. 12	141
Nov. 16	142	Nov. 17	151	Nov. 19	142
Nov. 23	155	Nov. 24	149	Nov. 26	146
Nov. 30	r159	Dec. 1	197	Dec. 3	197
Dec. 7	215	Dec. 8	226	Dec. 10	235

r--Revised.

c--corrected.

1/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1952 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1952, pp. 359-362. Indexes for the period April 1952 to date may be obtained upon request from the Division of Research and Statistics.

Weekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.

* Comparisons are affected by the fact that Thanksgiving Day is one week later this year than last.