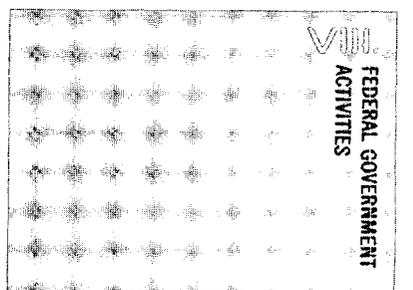
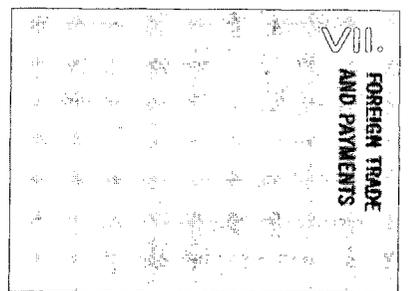
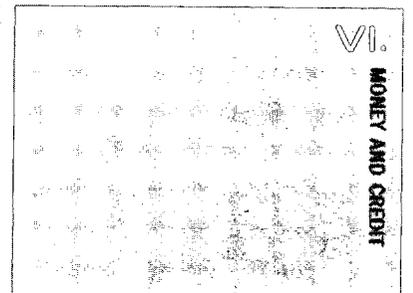
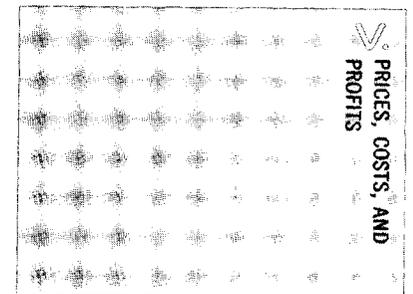
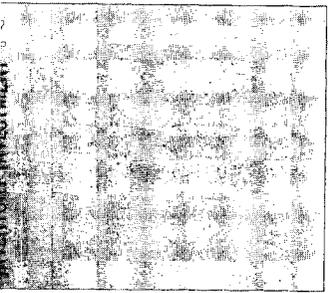
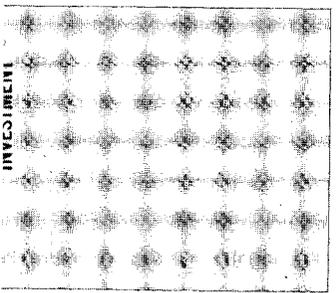
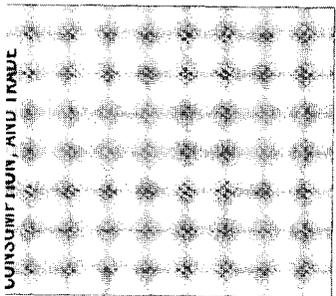
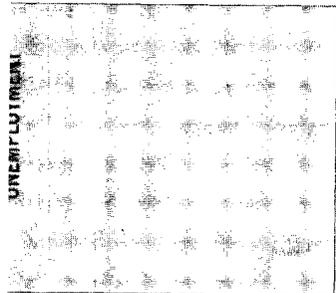


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ABOUT THE COVER—Series in this publication are grouped according to their usual timing and shown against the background of contractions and expansions in general business activity. The center panel illustrates this concept. The vertical bar represents a contraction; the top curve, the Leading Series which usually fall before a contraction has begun and rise before it has ended; the middle curve, the Coincident Series which usually fall with the contraction period; the bottom curve, the Lagging Series which fall after a contraction has begun and rise after it ends. Series are also classified by economic process within each timing group. Processes are indicated in the squares bordering the panel.

PREFACE This report brings together many of the available economic indicators in convenient form for analysis and interpretation. The presentation and classification of series follow the business indicators approach. The list of indicators and their classification into “leading,” “roughly coincident,” and “lagging” groups are those designated by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a private, nonprofit research organization which has been preparing lists of business cycle indicators for more than 40 years. The business cycle turning dates are also those designated by NBER. In addition, all series within each timing group are classified under eight economic processes (e.g., employment and unemployment; production, income, consumption, and trade; fixed capital investment; etc.). Some special series included in the list (such as labor costs in manufacturing and the total of machinery and equipment sales and business construction) have been constructed by the NBER for purposes of business cycle analysis.

The utilization of the National Bureau list of indicators and their cyclical turning dates is not to be taken as implying acceptance or endorsement by the Bureau of the Census or any other government agency of any approach to business cycle analysis, nor of the special series compiled by the National Bureau to facilitate cyclical studies. This report is intended only to supplement other Department of Commerce reports that provide information so arranged as to facilitate the analysis of current business conditions.

The unique features of BCD are the arrangement of data according to their usual timing relations during the course of the business cycle, the cross-classification by timing and economic process, and the inclusion of special analytical measures and historical cyclical comparisons that help in evaluating the current state of the business cycle. In addition, the movements of the series are shown against the background of the expansions and contractions of the general business cycle so that “leads” and “lags” can be readily detected and unusual cyclical developments spotted.

About 90 principal series and over 300 components are used in preparing BCD. Almost all of the basic data have been published by the source agency. A complete list of series titles and the sources of data is shown on the back cover of this report.



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Cross-Classification of Business Indicators by Economic Process and Cyclical Timing

(Minor economic processes and the number of series in each process are shown for each classification. See the index and back cover for series titles)

Cyclical Timing Economic Process	LEADING INDICATORS (36 series)	ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS (25 series)	LAGGING INDICATORS (11 series)	OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES (16 series)
I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT (14 series)	Marginal employment adjustments (5 series)	Job vacancies (2 series) Comprehensive employment (3 series) Comprehensive unemployment (3 series)	Long-duration unemployment (1 series)	
II. PRODUCTION, INCOME, CONSUMPTION, AND TRADE (8 series)		Comprehensive production (3 series) Comprehensive income (2 series) Comprehensive consumption and trade (3 series)		
III. FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT (14 series)	Formation of business enterprises (2 series) New investment commitments (8 series)	Backlog of investment commitments (2 series)	Investment expenditures (2 series)	
IV. INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT (9 series)	Inventory investment and purchasing (7 series)		Inventories (2 series)	
V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS (11 series)	Sensitive commodity prices (1 series) Stock prices (1 series) Profits and profit margins (4 series)	Comprehensive wholesale prices (2 series)	Unit labor costs (2 series)	Comprehensive retail prices (1 series)
VI. MONEY AND CREDIT (17 series)	Flows of money and credit (6 series) Credit difficulties (2 series)	Bank reserves (1 series) Money market interest rates (4 series)	Outstanding debt (2 series) Interest rates on business loans and mortgages (2 series)	
VII. FOREIGN TRADE AND PAYMENTS (6 series)				Foreign trade and payments (6 series)
VIII. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES (9 series)				Federal Government activities (9 series)

BACKGROUND MATERIALS

A revised list of indicators was introduced in the April issue of *BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS*. Research work for the revised list was carried out by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc. (NBER), a private, nonprofit research organization which has been preparing lists of economic indicators and research reports in the field of business cycle analysis for more than 40 years. This revised list was published by the National Bureau in March 1967, and is the result of a periodic review made by that agency of its previous list of indicators of aggregate economic activity. This is the third revision of the list originally published by the National Bureau in 1938.

The method of preparing the new list, the reasons for adding certain series and dropping others, and an explanation of the classification system used are described in a new report, *INDICATORS OF BUSINESS EXPANSIONS AND CONTRACTIONS*, published by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc., 261 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10016. Other reports on the historical studies and methods of making current interpretations of the indicators are listed in this book.

The revised list includes some new series, discontinues some of those on the previous list, and has assigned timing classifications to some series previously unclassified by timing. The chief features of the new list follow:

1. The major principle of classification is a four-fold grouping by cyclical timing: Leading, roughly coincident, and lagging indicators, and other selected series. The first three categories take into account timing at both peaks and troughs; the fourth group includes economic activities that have an important role in business cycles but have displayed a less regular relation to them. The new list of indicators includes 36 leading series, 25 roughly coincident series, 11 lagging series, and 16 series unclassified by timing—88 series in all; 69 are monthly and 19 are quarterly. This list includes 13 series not on the previous NBER list and omits 5 series. In addition, 14 series previously unclassified by timing are assigned a timing classification.

2. The type of economic process represented by the series is used as a secondary principle of classification, with emphasis on the processes that are important for business cycle analysis. The 88 U.S. series are classified into eight major groups: (I) Employment and Unemployment, 14 series; (II) Production, Income, Consumption, and Trade, 8 series; (III) Fixed Capital Investment, 14 series; (IV) Inventories and Inventory Investment, 9 series; (V) Prices, Costs, and Profits, 11 series; (VI) Money and Credit, 17 series; (VII) Foreign Trade and Payments, 6 series; and (VIII) Federal Government Activities, 9 series. Each of these major categories is subdivided into economic processes that exhibit rather distinct differences in cyclical timing. For example, under Fixed Capital Investment, new investment commitments are distinguished from investment expenditures.

3. A short list of 25 indicators, drawn from the full list, is identified throughout BCD. This more selective list includes 12 leading, 7 roughly coincident, and 6 lagging series; 21 are monthly and 4 are quarterly. The short list involves little of the duplica-

tion in economic coverage that is provided, for various reasons, in the full list. The series on the short list are identified by asterisks.

4. Two other groups of series are shown in BCD in addition to the 88 NBER indicators. They are "U.S. Series Under Consideration"—a group of eight series not yet classified by cyclical timing and economic process, but under consideration for the list of indicators—and "International Comparisons"—a group of seven series showing industrial production for several countries which have important trade relations with the United States.

Changes in the 1966 list of indicators are as follows (series identification number and title):

13 series new to the 1966 list:

33. Net change in mortgage debt held by financial institutions and life insurance companies

39. Delinquency rate, 30 days and over, total installment loans

58. Index of wholesale prices, manufactured goods
*71. Manufacturing and trade inventories, book value

*72. Commercial and industrial loans outstanding, weekly reporting large commercial banks

101. National defense purchases

301. Nonagricultural job openings unfilled

*502. Unemployment rate, persons unemployed 15 weeks and over

505. Machinery and equipment sales and business construction expenditures

511. Man-hours in nonfarm establishments

*816. Manufacturing and trade sales

861. Manufacturers' new orders for export, durable goods except motor vehicle and parts

862. Index of export orders, nonelectrical machinery

5 series on the previous list but omitted from the 1966 list:

4. Number of persons on temporary layoff, all industries

15. Number of business failures with liabilities of \$100,000 and over

*51. Bank debits, all standard metropolitan statistical areas except New York

*64. Manufacturers' inventories, book value

111. Corporate gross savings

10 series specially constructed for business cycle studies at the suggestion of the NBER:

*10. Contracts and orders for plant and equipment

*17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, manufacturing

22. Ratio of profits to income originating, corporate, all industries

33. Net change in mortgage debt held by financial institutions and life insurance companies

*38. Index of net business formation

53. Wages and salaries in mining, manufacturing, and construction

*62. Index of labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing

68. Index of labor cost per dollar of real corporate GNP

505. Machinery and equipment sales and business construction expenditures

511. Man-hours in nonfarm establishments

*Denotes series included on "short list."

A limited number of changes are made from time to time to reflect the change from one stage of the business cycle to another, to show new findings of business cycle research and newly available economic series, or to emphasize the activity of a particular series or series group. Such changes may involve additions or deletions of series used, changes in placement in relation to other series, changes in components of indexes, etc.

Changes in this issue are as follows:

1. The series on private nonfarm housing units started (series 7) has been revised for the period 1963 to date, due to a change in the method of collecting and compiling the data and a new seasonal adjustment. Further information concerning this revision may be obtained from the Construction Statistics Division, Bureau of the Census.

2. The series on new capital appropriations (series 11 and D11) and the series on backlog of capital appropriations (series 97) have been revised by the source agency for the period 1953 to date. These revisions reflect: (a) A change in method of asset accounting in the non-electrical machinery industry; (b) revised seasonal adjustment; and (c) for the backlog series, adjustment to a new benchmark at the close of 1956. Further information concerning these revisions may be obtained from the Department of Investment Economics, National Industrial Conference Board, 845 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.

3. Series 33 (net change in mortgage debt held by financial institutions and life insurance companies) has been revised for the period 1965 to date. This revision reflects the Federal Home Loan Bank Board's annual updating of data on mortgage debt held by savings and loan institutions.

4. Series 92 (military prime contract awards to U.S. business firms and institutions) is now shown from 1951 to date throughout the report. However, the figures for January 1951 through June 1955 refer to contract awards to U.S. business firms only and do not include educational institutions and nonprofit organizations. Thus the earlier data are not strictly comparable to those beginning with July 1955. The relative magnitudes of the two segments can be seen from the following totals for 1956 (based on data before seasonal adjustment): Later segment (including U.S. business firms and institutions), \$21.2 billion; and earlier segment (U.S. business firms only), \$20.6 billion.

5. Appendix F includes historical data for series 7, 11, 92, 97, and D11. Beginning with this issue, data published in appendix F will include the years 1945, 1946, and 1947 whenever possible.

The September issue of BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS is scheduled for release on September 27.

NEW
FEATURES
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CHANGES
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CENSUS METHOD II. ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM. A time series computer program for measuring and analyzing seasonal, trading-day, cyclical, and irregular fluctuations and the relations among them. This program is particularly useful in analyzing economic fluctuations which take place within a year.

The latest variant, X-11, has greater generality and scope than any of the earlier programs. It can adjust quarterly as well as monthly series and series with negative and positive numbers as well as those with positive numbers alone. The X-11 version measures and adjusts not only for seasonal variations, but also for trading-day variations. Further, it computes many summary and analytical measures of the behavior of each series. The program includes various techniques, such as F tests and variance analysis, for use in extending the scope of time series studies and is written in a simplified computer language—Fortran IV. The program deck can be purchased from the Census Bureau at cost.

BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS. A monthly report for analyzing economic fluctuations over a short span of years.

This report brings together several hundred monthly and quarterly "economic indicator" series for the analysis of short-term economic trends and prospects. These series have been selected, tested, and evaluated, after half a century of continuing research, as the most useful and reliable for this purpose. The publication provides not only the basic data, but also various charts and analytical tables to facilitate such studies. In addition, a time series punch-card file, a diffusion index program, and a separate summary-measures computer program are available for those who wish to carry on further research in business cycle analysis.

LONG TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH An annual report for the study of economic fluctuations over a long span of years.

This report has been developed from available statistics to provide a comprehensive, long-range view of the U.S. economy. It has been planned, prepared, and published as a basic research document for economists, historians, investors, teachers, and students. It brings together for the first time under one cover, in meaningful and convenient form, the complete statistical basis for a study of long-term economic trends. It is a unique presentation of the full range of factors required for an understanding of our country's economic development. Some of the statistical series go back to 1860. A punchcard file of the time series included in the report is available for purchase.

DESCRIPTIONS AND PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

The business cycle is generally described as consisting of alternating periods of expansion and contraction in aggregate economic activity—that is, the complex of activities represented by such concepts as total production, employment, income, consumption, trade, and the flow of funds. Although a recurrent pattern has been characteristic of American economic history, many economists do not consider it inevitable.

The causal relations among various economic processes are primarily responsible for the cumulative nature of cyclical forces and explain why expansions have eventually turned into recessions and recessions into expansions. Cyclical fluctuations in production and employment are preceded by fluctuations in measures which relate to future rather than current production—measures such as new orders for durable goods, formation of new business enterprises, and accessions to payrolls. They are followed by fluctuations in various economic costs, such as labor costs, interest rates, fulfillment of long-term commitments, and holdings of inventories and debts.

TIMING CLASSIFICATION

On the basis of many years of research, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) has compiled a list of indicators of aggregate economic activity and has classified these indicators according to whether they usually lead, roughly coincide with, or lag behind the cyclical movements in aggregate activity. The 1966 list, as issued by the NBER, is the basis for the presentation of U.S. series in **BUSINESS CYCLE DEVELOPMENTS**. Prior to April 1967, their 1960 list was used. The series have been grouped and classified by the NBER as “leading,” “roughly coincident,” or “lag-

ging” indicators. These indicators are described as follows:

Leading Indicators.—Series that usually reach peaks or troughs before those in aggregate economic activity as measured by the roughly coincident series (see below). One group of these series pertains to orders and contracts, another to inventory investment, and so on.

Roughly Coincident Indicators.—Series that are direct measures of aggregate economic activity or move roughly together with it; for example, nonagricultural employment, industrial production, and retail sales.

Lagging Indicators.—Series, such as new plant and equipment expenditures and manufacturers’ inventories, that usually reach turning points after they are reached in aggregate economic activity.

Also included in BCD are (a) “Other Selected U.S. Series,” economic activities which are important in analyzing business cycles but have a less consistent relation to them; (b) “U.S. Series Under Consideration,” indicators that measure important economic relationships but have not been classified by economic process and timing and, therefore, not yet incorporated into the list of 88 indicators; and (c) industrial production indexes for several countries which have important trade relations with the United States.

The business cycle turning dates used in this report are those designated by the NBER. They mark the approximate dates when aggregate economic activity reached its cyclical high (peak) or low (trough) levels. As a matter of general practice, a business cycle turning date will not be designated until at least 6 months after it has occurred. (See appendix A for peak and trough dates.)

ECONOMIC PROCESS CLASSIFICATION

A secondary principle of classification, economic process, supplements the timing classification. All series are cross-classified according to these two principles. The major economic process categories are employment and unemployment; production, income, consumption, and trade; fixed capital investment; inventories and inventory investment; prices, costs, and profits; money and credit; foreign trade and payments; and Federal Government activity.

"SHORT LIST" OF INDICATORS

A short, substantially unduplicated list of principal indicators provides a convenient way of summarizing the current situation and outlook. The NBER has identified, for this purpose, a short list of 25. This list includes 12 leading, 7 roughly coincident, and 6 lagging indicators; 21 are monthly and 4 are quarterly. These series are identified throughout BCD.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION

This report consists of three major sections as follows:

Basic Data (chart 1, tables 1 and 2).—Data for all series are shown for the current and prior periods in both graphic and tabular form. Thus, a broad view of past and current business cycle fluctuations is provided.

Analytical Measures (chart 2, tables 3 to 5).—Measures are presented which help to determine the magnitude and scope of current changes in different processes, industries, and areas, and aid in evaluating the prospects of a turning point in the business cycle.

Cyclical Patterns (chart 3).—Comparisons are made between current cyclical levels and previous business cycles.

A list of titles and sources for all series is shown on the back cover of this report. The series numbers are for identification only and do not reflect series relationships or order.

CONCEPTS AND PROCEDURES

Several other concepts and procedures used in this report are summarized below:

Adjustments for average seasonal fluctuations are often necessary to bring out the underlying cyclical trends of a series. In most cases, the seasonally ad-

justed data used for a series are the official figures released by the source agency. In addition, for the special purposes of business cycle studies, a number of series that are not ordinarily published in seasonally adjusted form are shown on a seasonally adjusted basis in this report. The *seasonal adjustment* process usually accounts for variations due to holidays; however, there are some cases in which a separate *holiday adjustment* is needed for holidays with variable dates.

Months for cyclical dominance (*MCD*) is an estimate of the appropriate span over which to observe the cyclical movements in a monthly series. *MCD moving averages* are shown in chart 1 for series with an *MCD* of "5" or more; however, to provide an indication of the variation about these moving averages, monthly data are also plotted.

Diffusion indexes are simple summary measures which express what percentage of the components of an aggregate series has risen over given time spans. Their turning points tend to lead those of the aggregate. Series numbers preceded by "D" designate diffusion indexes. Many of the component series used to make up the diffusion indexes are shown in table 5.

During the current expansion, *high values* for the indicators are identified in table 2. These values are not necessarily cyclical peak values, but are simply the highest values reached to date.

Certain *appendix materials* are presented regularly in this report. These materials include historical data, adjustment factors, peak and trough dates, and other information helpful in interpreting trends in the indicators.

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HOW TO READ CHARTS 1 AND 2

Peak (P) of cycle indicates end of expansion and beginning of Recession (shaded areas) as designated by NBER.

Series numbers are for identification only and do not reflect series relationships or order. Series are arranged in charts and tables according to their classification by timing and economic process.

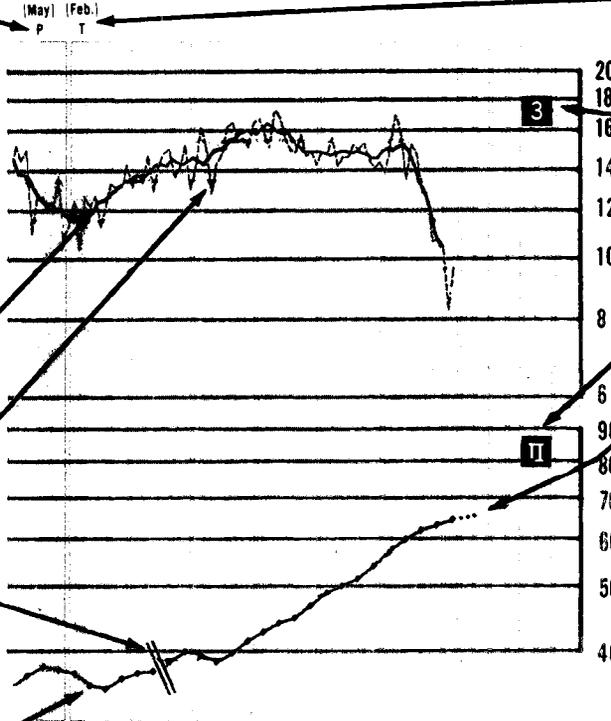
Solid line indicates monthly data. (Data may be actual monthly figures or MCD moving averages.)*

Broken line indicates actual monthly data for series where an MCD moving average* is plotted.

Parallel lines indicate a break in continuity (data not available, changes in series definitions, extreme values, etc.).

Solid line with plotting points indicates quarterly data.

CHART 1 – Business Cycle Series



Trough (T) of cycle indicates end of recession and beginning of Expansion as designated by NBER.

Arabic number indicates latest month for which data are plotted. ("3" = March)

Roman number indicates latest quarter for which data are plotted. ("II" = second quarter)

Dotted line indicates anticipated data.

Various scales are used to highlight the patterns of the individual series. "Scale A" is an arithmetic scale, "scale L-1" is a logarithmic scale with 1 cycle in a given distance, "scale L-2" is a logarithmic scale with 2 cycles in that distance, etc. The scales should be carefully noted because they show whether or not the plotted lines for various series are directly comparable.

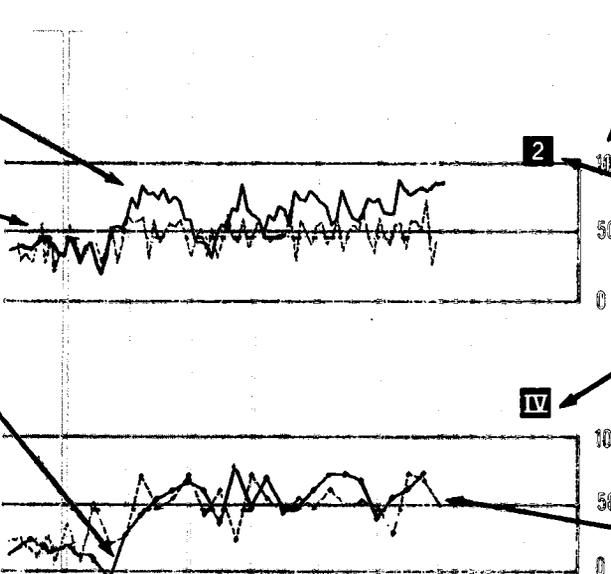
Solid line indicates monthly data over 6- or 9-month spans.

Broken line indicates monthly data over 1-month spans.

Solid line with plotting points indicates quarterly data over various spans.

* Many of the more irregular series are shown in terms of their MCD moving averages as well as their actual monthly data. In such cases, the 4-, 5-, or 6-term moving averages are plotted 1½, 2, or 2½ months, respectively, behind the actual data. See appendix C for a description of MCD moving averages.

CHART 2 – Diffusion Indexes



Scale shows percent of components rising.

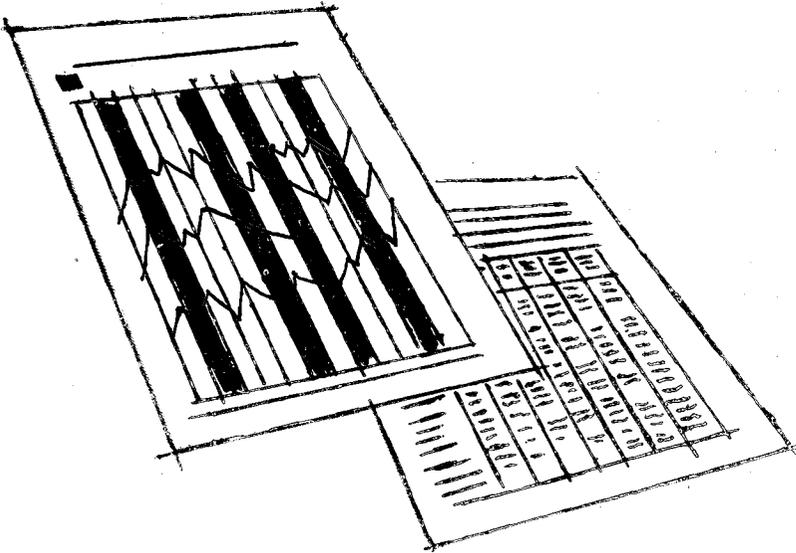
Arabic number indicates latest month for which data are used in computing the indexes. ("2" = February)

Roman number indicates latest quarter for which data are used in computing the indexes. ("IV" = fourth quarter)

Broken line with plotting points indicates quarterly data over various intervals. This line is also used to indicate anticipated quarterly data.

HOW TO LOCATE A SERIES

To locate a series in **BCD**, consult the **Index—Series Finding Guide** in the back of the book where series are arranged into eight groups by economic process and cross referenced by timing classification in the first column. The back cover, which lists series titles (followed by a Roman numeral denoting economic process group) and sources in numerical order within each timing group, may also be helpful to some readers.



BASIC DATA

charts and tables

LEADING INDICATORS

Employment and unemployment

Fixed capital investment

Inventories and inventory investment

Prices, costs, and profits

Money and credit

ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS

Employment and unemployment

Production, income, consumption, and trade

Fixed capital investment

Prices, costs, and profits

Money and credit

LAGGING INDICATORS

Employment and unemployment

Fixed capital investment

Inventories and inventory investment

Prices, costs, and profits

Money and credit

OTHER U.S. SERIES

Prices, costs, and profits

Foreign trade and payments

Federal Government activities

Also U.S. SERIES UNDER CONSIDERATION (unclassified series) and INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS (industrial production indexes for selected foreign countries)



BASIC DATA

CHANGES OVER 4 LATEST MONTHS

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Series (See complete titles and sources on back cover)	Unit of measure	Basic data ¹				Average percent change ^{2 3}			Current percent change ³		
		Apr. 1967	May 1967	June 1967	July 1967	July '66 to date (with sign) ⁴	July '66 to date (without sign) ⁵	1953 to 1965 (without sign) ^{5 6}	Apr. to May 1967	May to June 1967	June to July 1967
LEADING INDICATORS											
I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT											
Marginal Employment Adjustments:											
*1. Avg. workweek, prod. workers, mfg.	Hours	40.5	40.4	40.2	p40.3	-0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	+0.2
*30. Nonagri. placements, all industries	Thousands.	474	448	487	p484	-0.9	3.4	1.8	-5.5	+8.7	-0.6
2. Accession rate, manufacturing	Per 100 employ. .	4.1	r4.6	p4.5	(NA)	0.0	5.0	4.6	+12.2	-2.2	(NA)
5. Avg. weekly initial claims, State unemployment insurance (inverted ³) .	Thousands.	263	234	225	265	-1.7	8.4	5.0	+11.0	+3.8	-17.8
3. Layoff rate, manufacturing (inverted ³) .	Per 100 employ. .	1.5	r1.4	p1.4	(NA)	+0.2	12.3	8.8	+6.7	0.0	(NA)
III. FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT											
Formation of Business Enterprises:											
*38. Index of net business formation	1957-59=100... .	104.0	105.7	109.0	(NA)	+0.4	1.2	0.8	+1.6	+3.1	(NA)
13. New business incorporations	Number	16,760	17,627	17,799	(NA)	+1.0	2.4	2.5	+5.2	+1.0	(NA)
New Investment Commitments:											
*6. New orders, durable goods industries. . .	Bil. dollars	22.23	r23.86	r24.19	p23.78	-0.1	3.8	3.8	+7.3	+1.4	-1.7
94. Construction contracts, value	1957-59=100. . .	138	154	164	149	+0.4	6.8	6.6	+11.6	+6.5	-9.1
*10. Contracts and orders, plant and equip. . .	Bil. dollars	5.37	5.55	r5.82	p5.67	-0.5	3.6	4.7	+3.4	+4.9	-2.6
11. New capital appropriations, mfg. ⁷	do .....	...	(NA)	...	...	-2.4	2.4	9.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
24. New orders, mach. and equip. indus. . . .	do	4.44	r4.61	r4.79	p4.80	-0.4	2.9	4.2	+3.8	+3.9	+0.2
9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial buildings	Mil. sq. ft. floor space ...	59.04	53.16	64.03	55.29	-0.3	10.8	9.3	-10.0	+20.4	-13.6
7. Private nonfarm housing starts.	Ann. rate, thous.	r1,099	r1,254	r1,208	p1,347	+2.6	9.2	7.2	+14.1	-3.7	+11.5
*29. New bldg. permits, private housing ...	1957-59=100 ..	90.7	91.1	r97.9	p96.1	+1.8	7.0	3.7	+0.4	+7.5	-1.8
IV. INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT											
Inventory Investment and Purchasing:											
21. Change in business inventories, all industries ^{7 8}	Ann. rate, bil.dol.	...	r+0.5	...	...	-3.6	8.4	2.3	-6.6	...	...
*31. Change in book value, manufacturing and trade inventories ⁸	do	+3.1	r+0.9	p-5.5	(NA)	-1.7	4.6	3.7	-2.2	-6.4	(NA)
37. Purchased materials, percent reporting higher inventories	Percent	37	39	42	40	-2.7	7.2	6.5	+5.4	+7.7	-4.8
20. Change in book value, mfrs.' inven- tories of materials and supplies ⁸	Ann. rate, bil.dol.	+0.6	r-1.1	p-0.8	(NA)	-0.2	1.5	1.5	-1.7	+0.3	(NA)
26. Buying policy, prod. mtl's., commit- ments 60 days or longer ¹⁰	Percent	67	66	68	61	-1.4	3.3	5.3	-1.5	+3.0	-10.3
32. Vendor performance, percent reporting slower deliveries ¹⁰	do	39	36	38	41	-3.8	8.3	7.5	-7.7	+5.6	+7.9
25. Change in unfilled orders, durable goods industries ⁸	Bil. dollars ...	-0.04	r+0.96	r+1.16	p+0.58	-0.06	0.90	0.48	+1.00	+0.20	-0.58
V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS											
Sensitive Commodity Prices:											
*23. Industrial materials prices ¹¹	1957-59=100... .	100.1	r99.6	99.8	98.3	-1.6	1.7	1.3	-0.5	+0.2	-1.5
Stock Prices:											
*19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks ¹¹ ...	1941-43=10	90.96	92.59	91.43	93.01	+0.7	2.7	2.5	+1.8	-1.3	+1.7
Profits and Profit Margins:											
*16. Corporate profits after taxes ⁷	Ann. rate, bil.dol.	...	p46.6	...	...	-1.9	2.0	5.6	+0.2	...	...
22. Ratio, profits to income originating, corporate, all industries ⁷	Percent .....	...	p12.0	...	...	-2.6	2.6	4.2	0.0	...	...
18. Profits per dollar of sales, mfg. ⁷	Cents .....	...	(NA)	...	...	-3.9	3.9	5.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
*17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, mfg. . . .	1957-59=100 ..	r100.8	100.3	r99.6	p100.1	-0.4	0.5	0.6	-0.5	-0.7	+0.5
VI. MONEY AND CREDIT											
Flows of Money and Credit:											
98. Change in money supply and time deposits ⁸	Ann. rate, percent	+4.56	+14.16	r+15.00	p+11.40	+0.92	5.38	2.56	+9.60	+0.84	-3.60
85. Change in total U.S. money supply ⁸	do	-4.92	+13.92	+13.08	p+7.44	+1.50	10.46	3.15	+18.84	-0.84	-5.64
33. Change in mortgage debt ⁸	Ann. rate, bil.dol.	r+11.64	r+15.80	p+19.27	(NA)	+0.65	2.14	1.31	+4.16	+3.47	(NA)
*113. Change in consumer installment debt ⁸ ..	do	+2.56	+2.32	+3.50	(NA)	-0.30	0.84	0.87	-0.24	+1.18	(NA)
112. Change in business loans ⁸	do	+9.25	+1.63	+8.16	p+16.46	-0.36	6.08	2.22	-7.62	+6.53	+8.30
110. Total private borrowing ⁷	Ann. rate, mil.dol	...	p65,400	...	...	+5.8	12.7	11.0	+10.0	...	...
Credit Difficulties:											
14. Liabilities of business failures (inv. ³)	Mil. dollars ...	110.80	93.00	87.20	64.15	-8.1	28.8	18.7	+16.1	+6.2	+26.4
39. Delinquency rate, installment loans, 30 days and over (inverted ³)	Percent	1.90	...	1.72	...	+0.3	4.4	2.6	...	+9.5	...



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		Apr. 1967	May 1967	June 1967	July 1967	July '66 to date (with sign) ⁴	July '66 to date (without sign) ⁵	1953 to 1965 (without sign) ^{5,6}	Apr. to May 1967	May to June 1967	June to July 1967
ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS											
I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT											
Job Vacancies:											
*301. Nonagri. job openings unfilled	Thousands....	353	350	347	p337	-1.8	2.5	3.1	-0.8	-0.9	-2.9
46. Help-wanted advertising	1957-59 = 100 ..	181	174	171	p169	-0.8	1.6	3.0	-3.9	-1.7	-1.2
Comprehensive Employment:											
511. Man-hours in nonagri. establishments...	Ann. rate, bil. man-hours ...	132.72	r132.69	r133.34	p134.24	+0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	+0.5	+0.7
*41. Employees in nonagri. establishments..	Thousands....	65,476	r65,428	r65,687	p65,882	+0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1	+0.4	+0.3
42. Total nonagricultural employment .....	..... do.....	70,020	69,637	70,420	70,633	+0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.5	+1.1	+0.3
Comprehensive Unemployment:											
*43. Unemployment rate, total (inverted ³)...	Percent.....	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.9	-0.1	3.1	3.9	-2.7	-5.3	+2.5
45. Avg. weekly insured unemploy. rate, State (inverted ³) .....	..... do.....	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.8	-1.5	5.0	4.2	-3.8	+3.7	-7.7
40. Unemployment rate, married males (inv ³)	..... do.....	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	+0.7	4.6	5.1	0.0	-5.3	+10.0
II. PRODUCTION, INCOME, CONSUMPTION, AND TRADE											
Comprehensive Production:											
49. GNP in current dollars ⁷	Ann. rate, bil. dol.	...	r775.1	...	...	+1.2	1.2	1.5	+1.1	...	...
*50. GNP in 1958 dollars ⁷.....	..... do.....	...	r664.7	...	...	+0.5	0.5	1.3	+0.6	...	...
*47. Industrial production.....	1957-59 = 100 ..	r156.3	155.5	r155.3	p156.3	0.0	0.4	1.0	-0.5	-0.1	+0.6
Comprehensive Income:											
*52. Personal income.....	Ann. rate, bil. dol.	616.5	618.2	r622.6	p627.1	+0.6	0.6	0.5	+0.3	+0.7	+0.7
53. Wages, salaries in mining, mfg., constr.	..... do.....	162.2	161.5	r162.4	p163.4	+0.3	0.6	0.8	-0.4	+0.6	+0.6
Comprehensive Consumption and Trade:											
*816. Manufacturing and trade sales	Mil. dollars...	86,833	r87,611	p88,562	(NA)	+0.2	0.8	1.0	+0.9	+1.1	(NA)
57. Final sales ⁷	Ann. rate, bil. dol.	...	r774.6	...	...	+1.7	1.7	1.4	+2.0	...	...
*54. Sales of retail stores	Mil. dollars ...	25,918	r25,897	r26,478	p26,740	+0.4	0.9	1.0	-0.1	+2.2	+1.0
III. FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT											
Backlog of Investment Commitments:											
96. Unfilled orders, durable goods indus. ..	Bil. dollars ...	r74.02	r74.97	r76.14	p76.71	+0.5	1.0	1.4	+1.3	+1.6	+0.7
97. Backlog of capital appropriations, mfg. ⁹	..... do.....	...	...	(NA)	...	-0.9	0.9	5.6	...	(NA)	...
V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS											
Comprehensive Wholesale Prices:											
55. Wholesale prices, indus. commod.Ⓢ... ..	1957-59 = 100 ..	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	+0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
58. Wholesale prices, manufactured goods Ⓢ	..... do.....	106.2	106.3	106.6	106.8	+0.1	0.1	0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2
VI. MONEY AND CREDIT											
Bank Reserves:											
93. Free reserves ⁸ (inverted ³) Ⓢ.....	Mil. dollars ...	+175	+269	r+297	p+272	-53	82	98	-94	-28	+25
Money Market Interest Rates:											
114. Treasury bill rate Ⓢ.....	Percent	3.85	3.64	3.48	4.31	-0.6	6.4	6.7	-5.5	-4.4	+23.9
116. Corporate bond yields Ⓢ.....	..... do.....	5.59	5.90	6.06	6.06	+0.4	2.8	1.6	+5.5	+2.7	0.0
115. Treasury bond yields Ⓢ.....	..... do.....	4.51	4.76	4.86	4.86	+0.2	1.9	1.6	+5.5	+2.1	0.0
117. Municipal bond yields Ⓢ.....	..... do.....	3.60	3.89	3.96	4.02	+0.2	2.8	2.5	+8.1	+1.8	+1.5
LAGGING INDICATORS											
I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT											
Long-Duration Unemployment:											
*502. Unemployment rate, persons unemployed 15 weeks and over (inverted ³).....	Percent	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	-0.5	5.6	6.5	+16.7	-20.0	0.0
III. FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT											
Investment Expenditures:											
*61. Bus. expenditures, new plant and equip. ⁷	Ann. rate, bil. dol.	...	a61.55	...	...	+0.2	1.5	3.2	-0.2	...	...
505. Machinery and equipment sales and business construction expenditures ..	..... do.....	66.79	r67.59	p68.68	(NA)	-0.6	1.6	1.6	+1.2	+1.6	(NA)
IV. INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT											
Inventories:											
*71. Book value, mfg. and trade inventories ..	Bil. dollars ...	137.35	r137.43	p136.97	(NA)	+0.6	0.6	0.5	+0.1	-0.3	(NA)
65. Book value, mfrs.' inventories of finished goods do.....	27.13	r27.28	p26.97	(NA)	+0.9	1.1	0.6	+0.6	-1.1	(NA)

Table 1



BASIC DATA

CHANGES OVER 4 LATEST MONTHS—Continued

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Series (See complete titles and sources on back cover)	Unit of measure	Basic data ¹				Average percent change ^{2 3}			Current percent change ³		
		Apr. 1967	May 1967	June 1967	July 1967	July '66 to date (with sign) ⁴	July '66 to date (without sign) ⁵	1953 to 1965 (without sign) ^{5 6}	Apr. to May 1967	May to June 1967	June to July 1967
LAGGING INDICATORS—Continued											
V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS											
Unit Labor Costs:											
68. Labor cost (cur. dol.) per unit of gross product (1958 dol.), nonfin. corp. ⁷	Dollars .....	...	p.712			+1.2	1.2	0.8	+0.1		
*62. Labor cost per unit of output, mfg	1957-59=100 ...	r105.4	106.0	r107.0	p106.7	+0.5	0.6	0.5	+0.6	+0.9	-0.3
VI. MONEY AND CREDIT											
Outstanding Debt:											
66. Consumer installment debt	Mil. dollars	74,439	74,632	74,924	(NA)	+0.5	0.5	0.8	+0.3	+0.4	(NA)
*72. Commercial and industrial loans outstanding .....	.....do	62,407	61,898	63,341	p64,352	+0.7	1.1	1.0	-0.8	+2.3	+1.6
Interest Rates on Business Loans and Mortgages:											
*67. Bank rates on short-term bus. loans ⁷ Ⓢ	Percent .....	...	5.95			-1.9	2.0	2.0	-2.9		
118. Mortgage yields, residential Ⓢ	.....do	6.29	6.44	6.51	6.53	0.0	1.3	0.1	+2.4	+1.1	+0.3
OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES											
V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS											
Comprehensive Retail Prices:											
81. Consumer prices Ⓢ	1957-59=100 ...	115.3	115.6	116.0	116.5	+0.2	0.2	0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4
VII. FOREIGN TRADE AND PAYMENTS											
89. U.S. balance of payments: ^{7 8}											
a. Liquidity balance basis	Mil. dollars ....	...	p-513			-116	131	341	+23		
b. Official settlements basis .....	.....do .....	...	p-830			-564	1,227	492	+995		
88. Merchandise trade balance ⁸ (inverted ³) .....	.....do	+435.4	+426.2	+355.3	+355.2	-8.7	64.1	58.4	+9.2	+70.9	+0.1
86. Exports, excluding military aid .....	.....do	2,659.4	2,544.8	2,583.5	2,590.6	+0.5	2.7	3.8	-4.3	+1.5	+0.3
861. Export orders, durables exc. mot. veh.Ⓢ	.....do	772	r1,029	p1,053	(NA)	+4.9	18.4	12.4	+33.3	+2.3	(NA)
862. Export orders, nonelectrical machinery	1957-59=100 ...	215	r220	p216	(NA)	+1.4	8.7	6.3	+2.3	-1.8	(NA)
87. General imports	Mil. dollars	2,224.0	2,118.6	2,228.2	2,235.4	+0.2	3.3	3.0	-4.7	+5.2	+0.3
VIII. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES											
95. Federal surplus (+) or deficit (-), nat'l. income and prod. acct. ^{7 8}											
84. Federal cash surplus (+) or deficit (-) ^{7 8}	.....do .....	...	p-14.6			-4.6	4.6	2.5	-2.7		
83. Federal cash receipts from public ⁷ .....	.....do .....	...	+12.5			+9.1	9.1	4.8	+13.6		
82. Federal cash payments to public ⁷ .....	.....do .....	...	165.8			+4.5	4.5	3.4	+6.7		
101. National defense purchases, current dollars ⁷ .....	.....do .....	...	153.3			-1.4	3.7	3.8	-2.0		
91. Defense Dept. obligations, total .....	.....do .....	...	r72.5			+4.8	4.8	2.3	+3.3		
90. Defense Dept. oblig., procurement	Mil. dollars	6,211	7,896	(NA)		+5.8	10.5	13.9	+27.1	(NA)	
99. New orders, defense products .....	.....do	1,715	2,608	(NA)		+5.9	17.1	27.4	+52.1	(NA)	
92. Military contract awards in U.S.	Bil. dollars	3.27	r3.86	r4.14	p3.65	+2.3	16.7	22.5	+18.0	+7.3	-11.8
	Mil. dollars	2,920	4,121	3,626	(NA)	+0.5	13.3	18.1	+41.1	-12.0	(NA)
U.S. SERIES UNDER CONSIDERATION											
850. Ratio, output to capacity, mfg. ⁷	Percent .....	...	p84.7			-2.2	2.2	2.2	-2.6		
851. Ratio, inventories to sales, mfg., trade.	Ratio	1.58	1.57	p1.55	(NA)	+0.4	0.9	1.0	-0.6	-1.3	(NA)
852. Ratio, unfilled orders to shipments, manufacturers' durable goods .....	.....do	3.73	r3.69	r3.74	p3.69	+0.5	1.6	2.0	-1.1	+1.4	-1.3
853. Ratio, production of business equipment to consumer goods	1957-59=100 ...	r125.3	r124.9	r123.4	p124.4	0.0	0.8	1.0	-0.3	-1.2	+0.8
854. Ratio, personal saving to disposable personal income ⁷	Ratio .....	...	r0.067			+6.1	11.5	8.5	-8.2		
855. Ratio, nonagri. job openings unfilled to persons unemployed .....	.....do	0.125	0.121	0.112	p0.112	-2.0	3.7	5.8	-3.2	-7.4	0.0
856. Ratio, avg. earnings to consumer prices	1957-59=100 ...	114.9	114.9	114.8	p114.8	+0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0
857. Vacancy rate, total rental housing ⁷	Percent .....	...	6.4			-2.0	2.9	3.6	-1.5		

*Series included in the 1966 NBER "short list" of indicators. Ⓢ Not seasonally adjusted. NA = not available; r = revised; p = preliminary; e = estimated; a = anticipated.

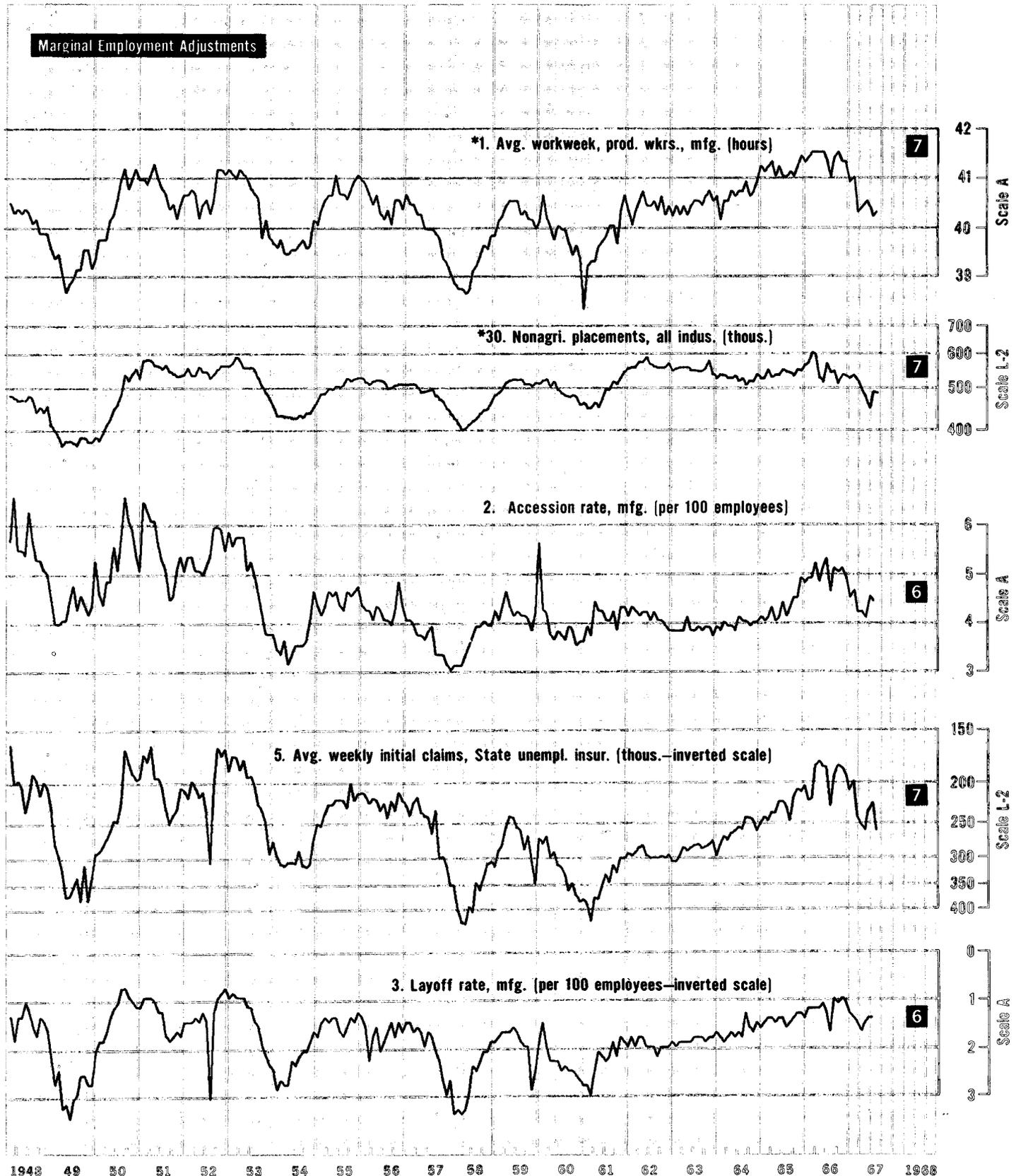
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I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

(Nov.)	(Oct.)		(July)	(Aug.)		(July)	(Apr.)		(May)	(Feb.)
P	T		P	T		P	T		P	T

Marginal Employment Adjustments



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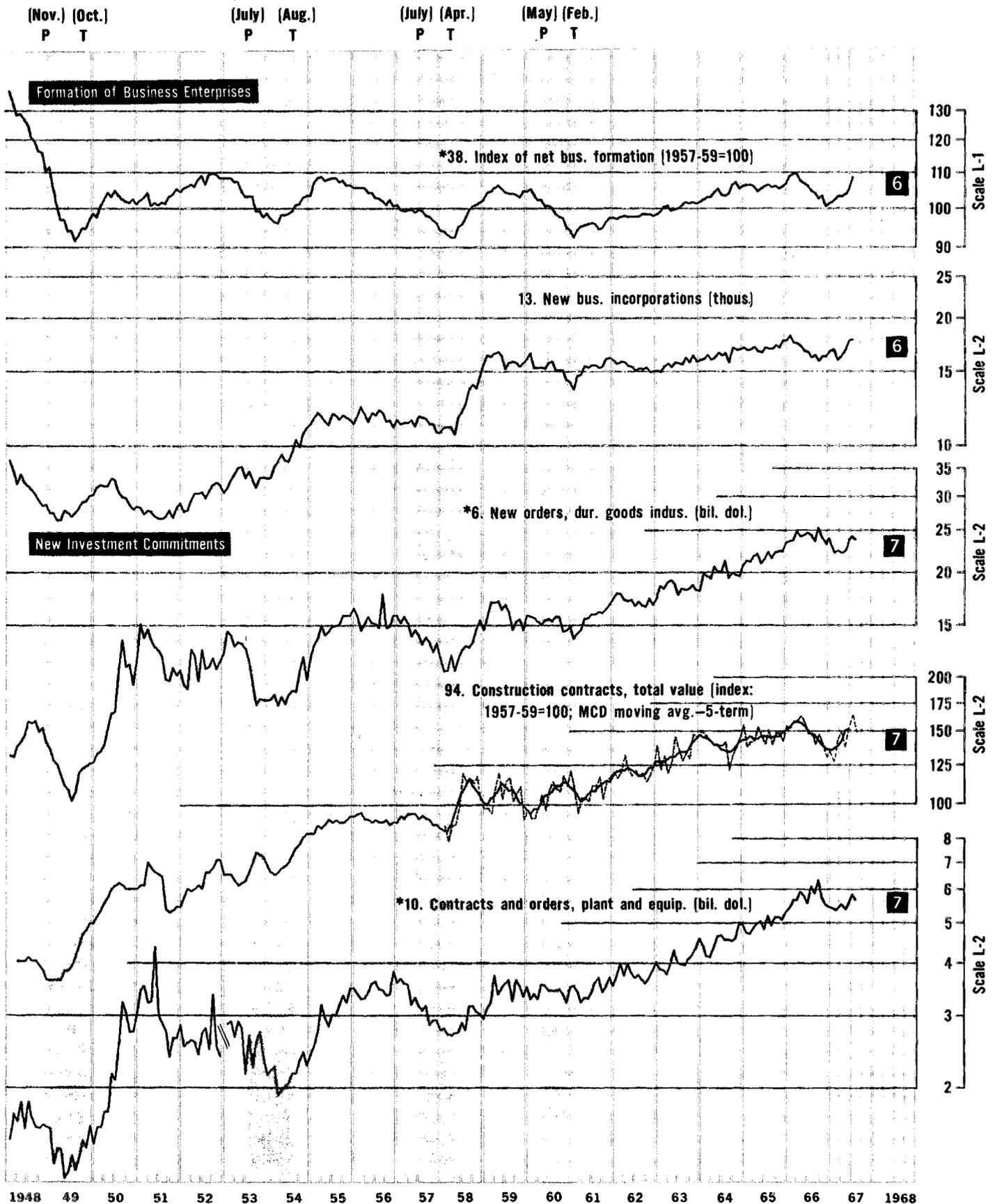
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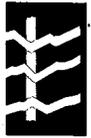
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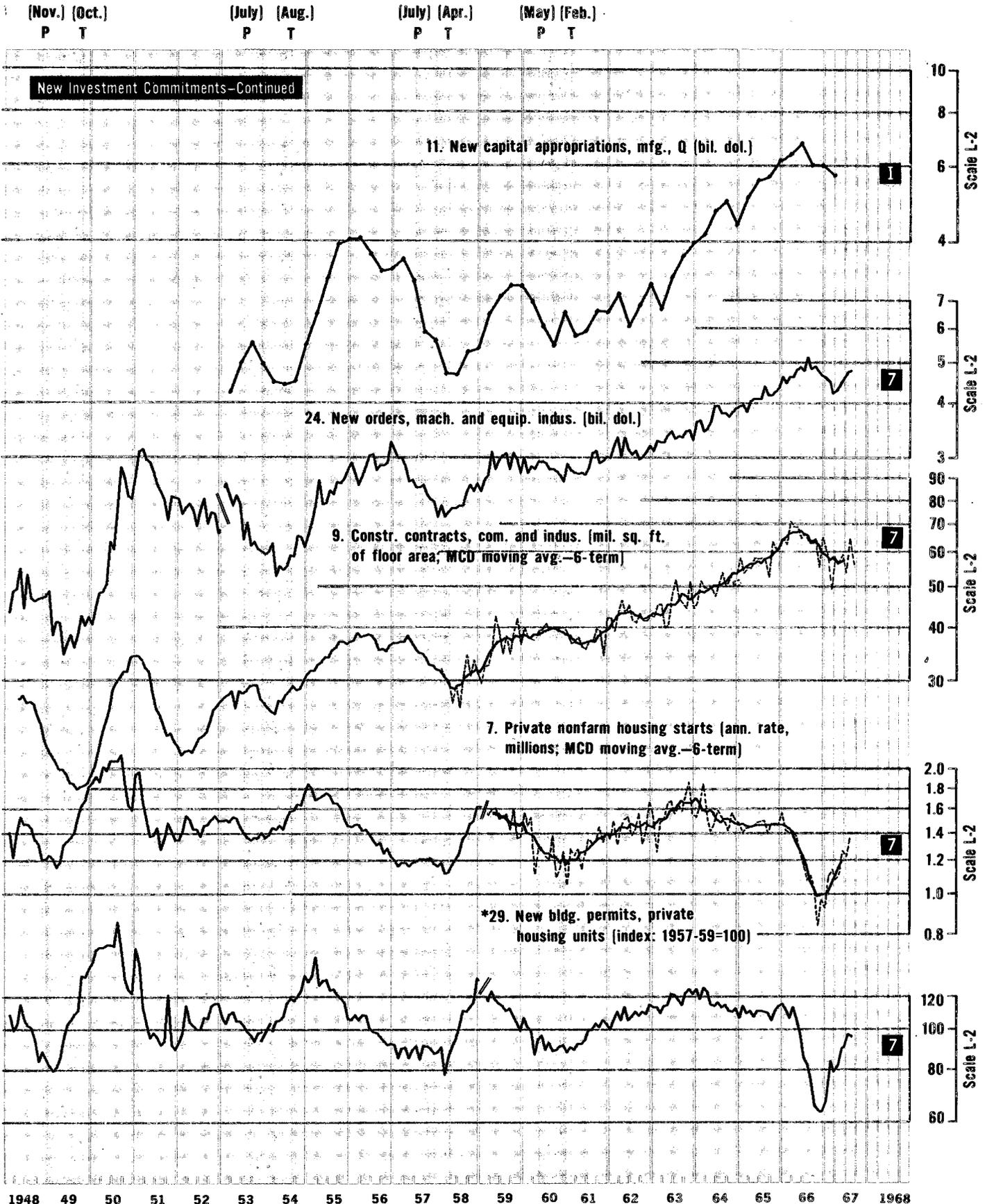


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III. FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT—Continued



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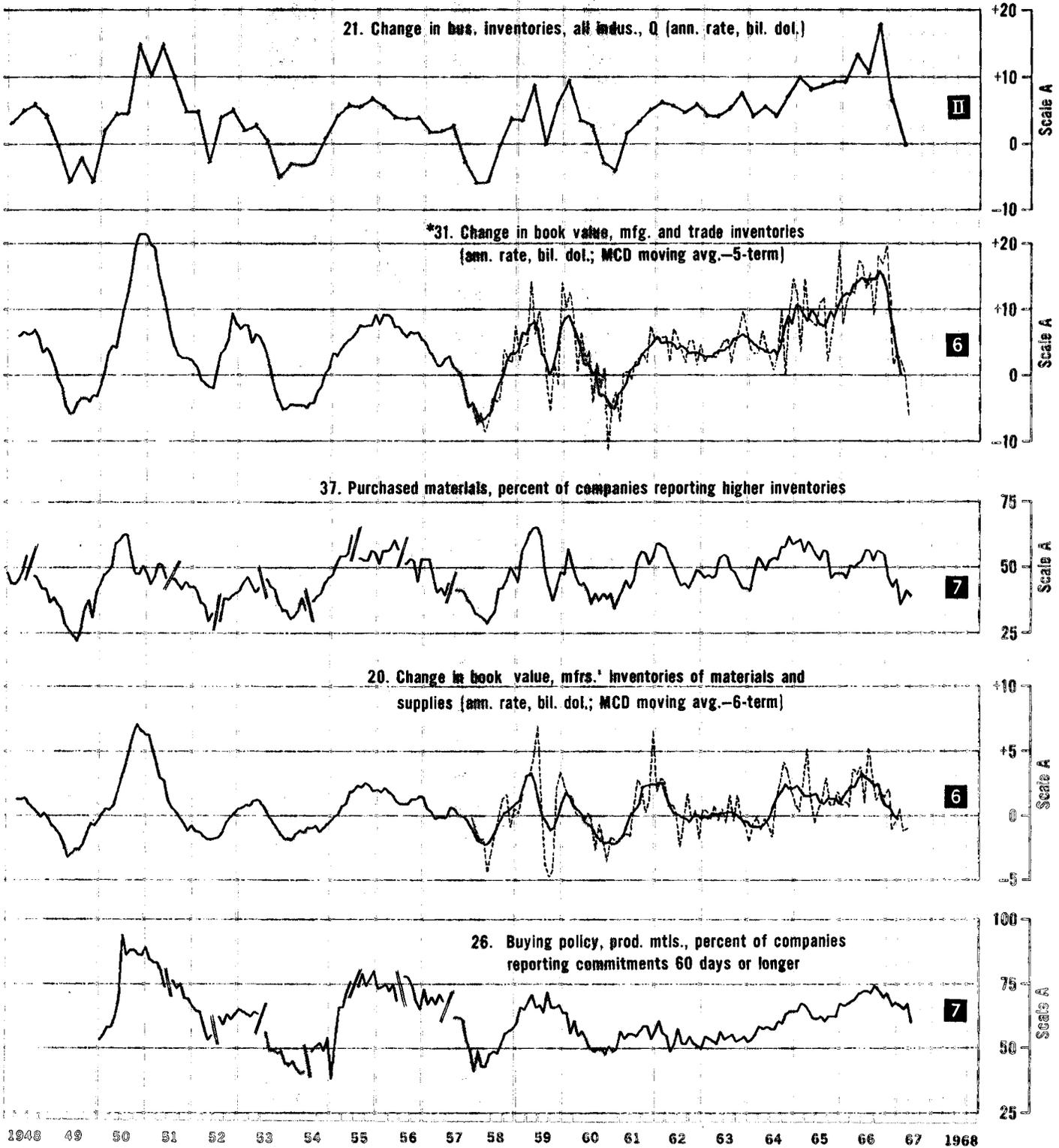
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IV. INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT

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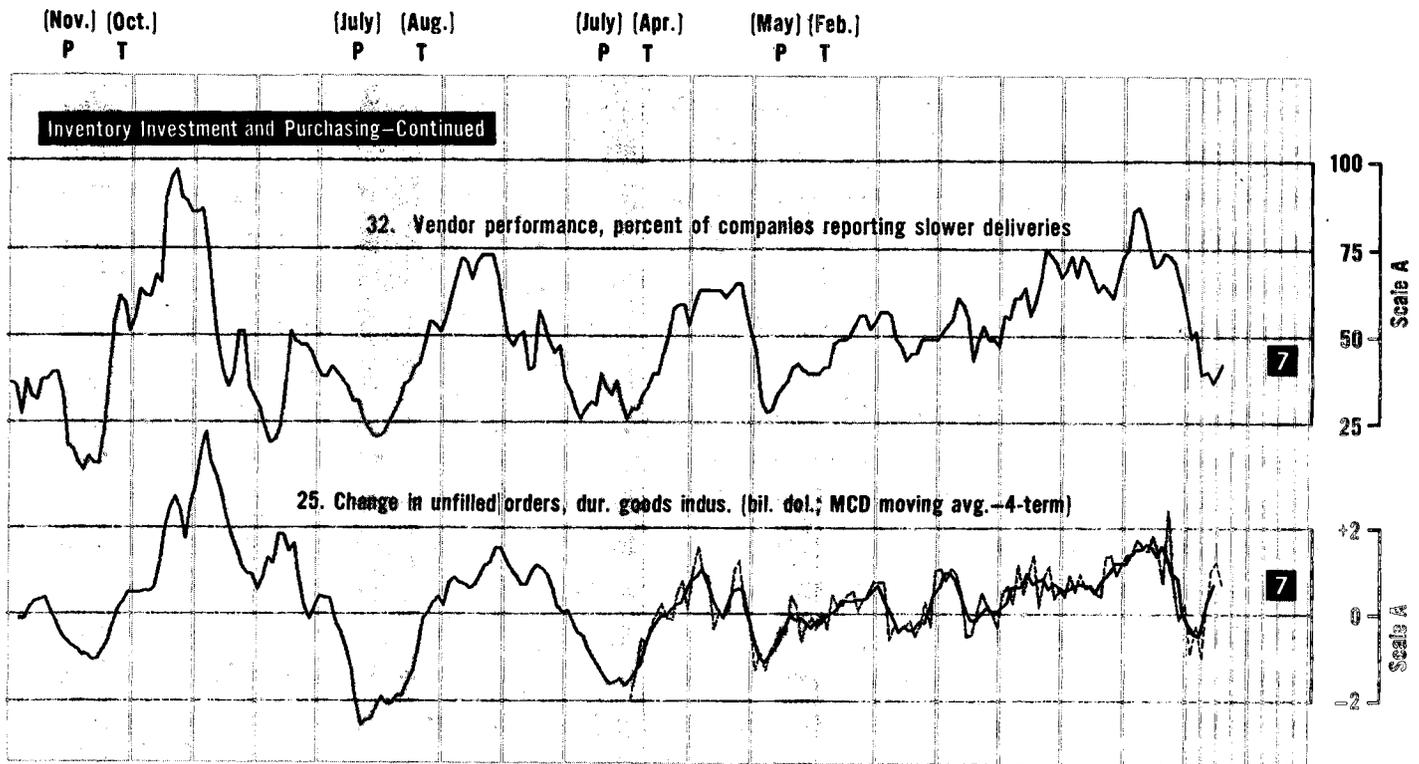
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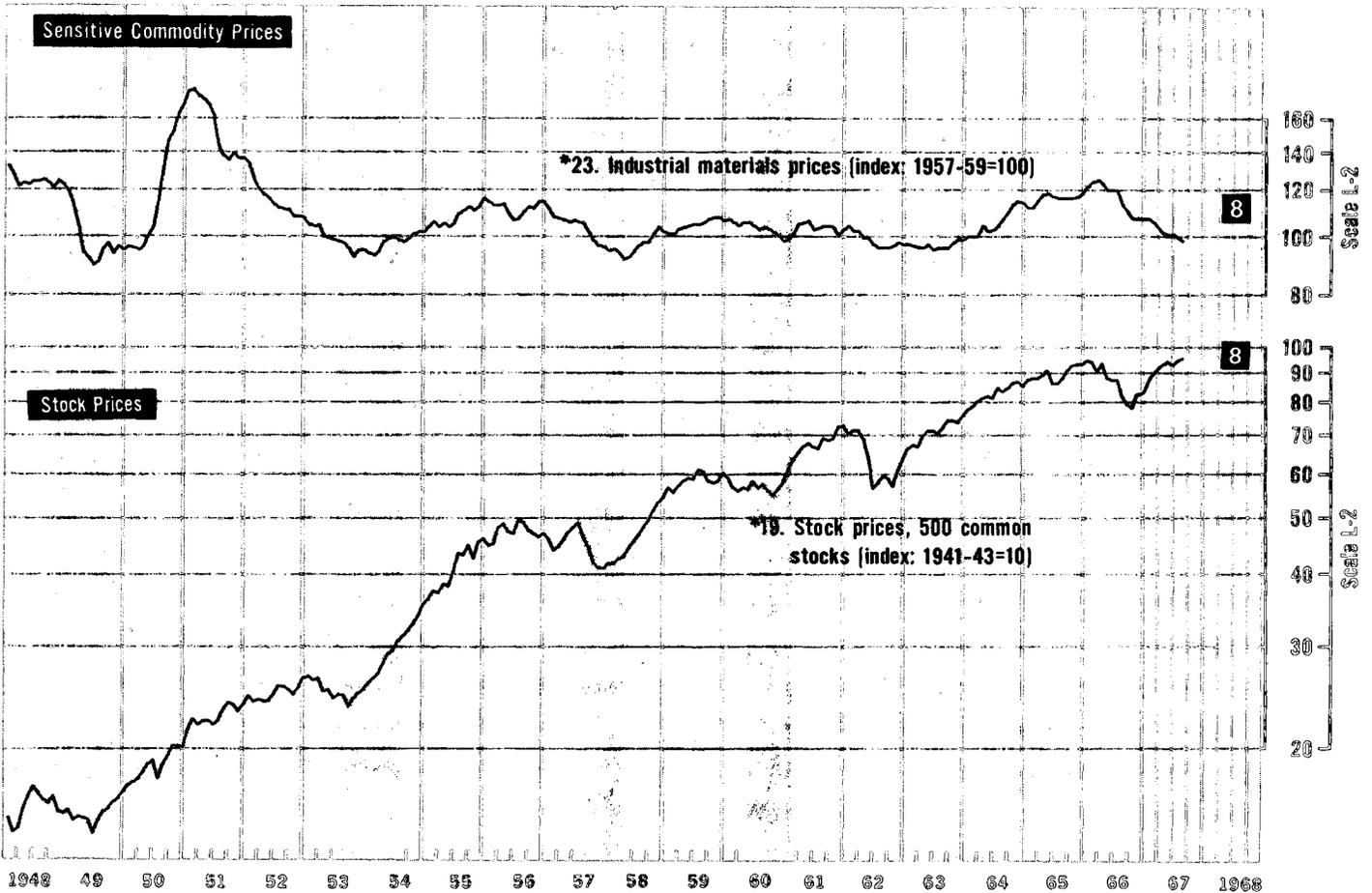
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IV. INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT-Continued



V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS



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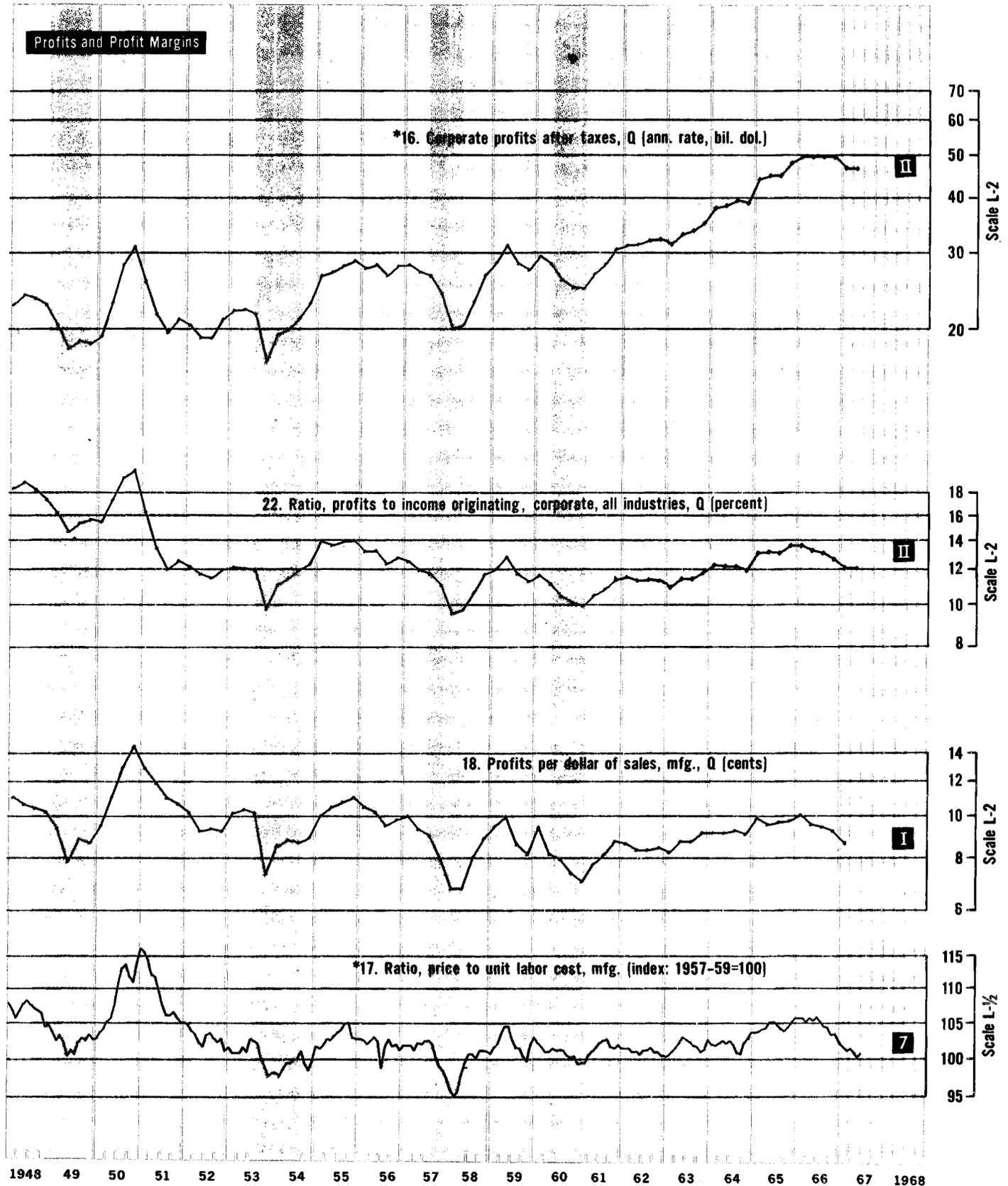
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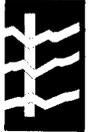
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V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS—Continued

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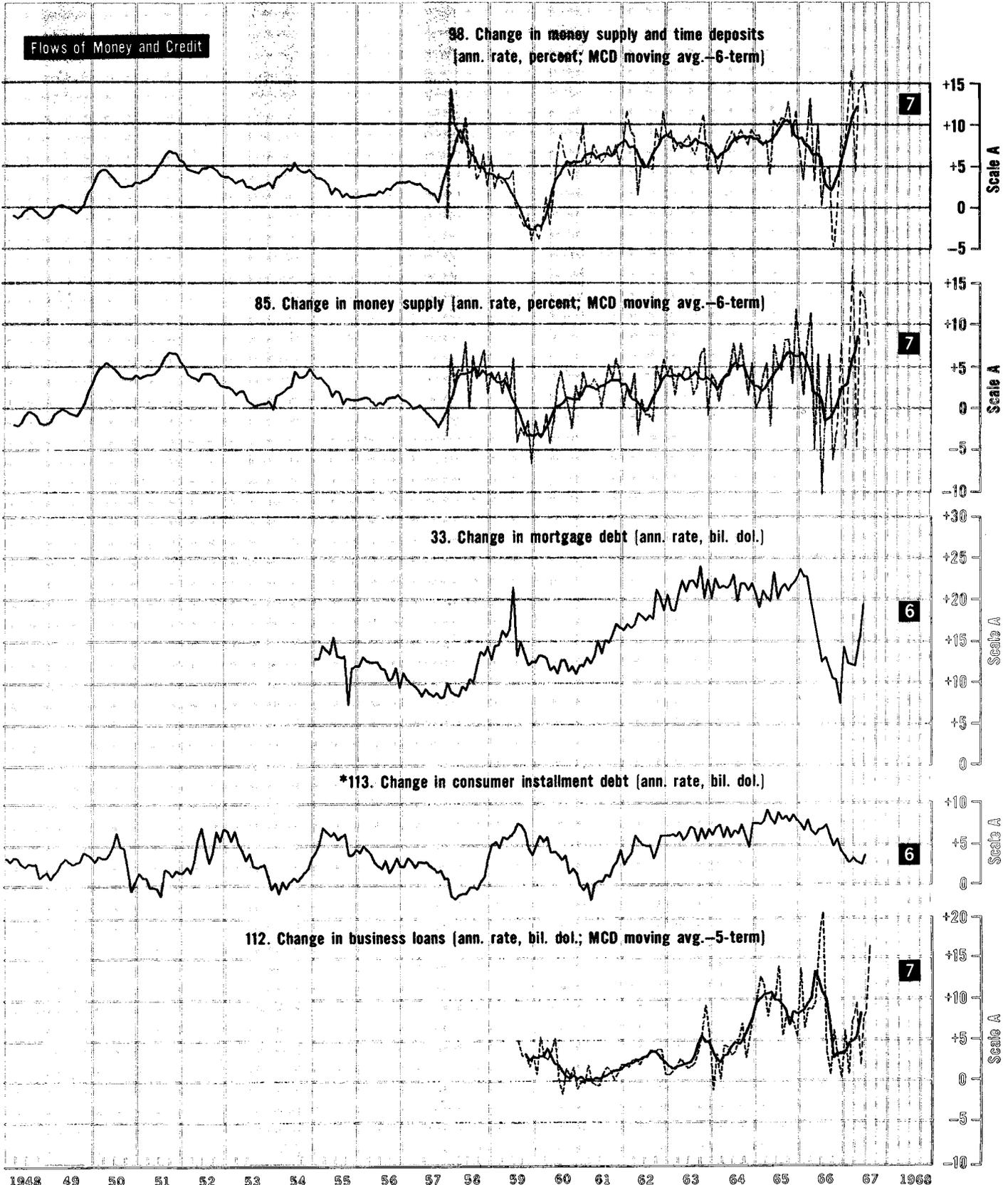


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VI. MONEY AND CREDIT

(Nov.)	(Oct.)		(July)	(Aug.)		(July)	(Apr.)		(May)	(Feb.)
P	T		P	T		P	T		P	T



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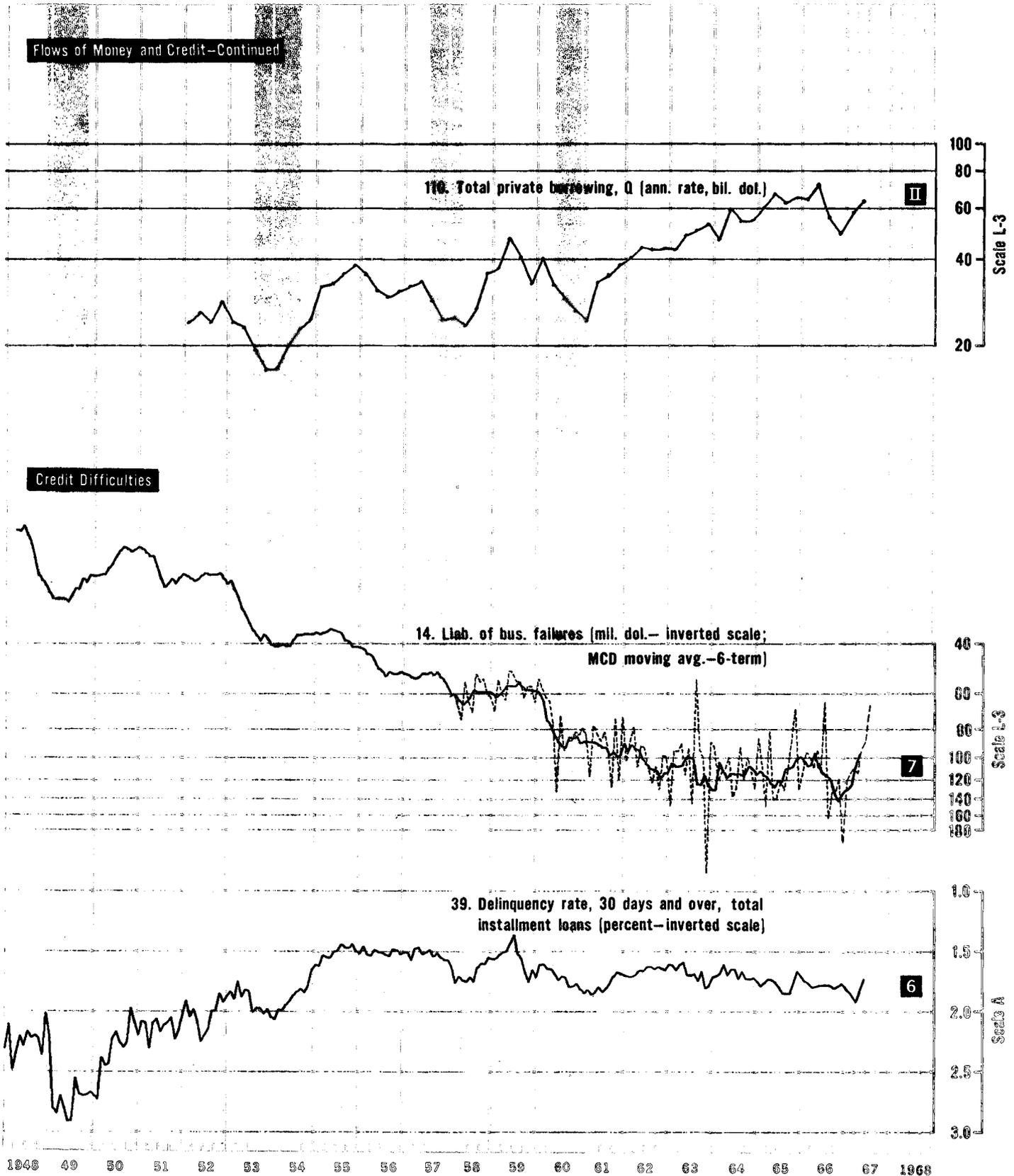
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VI. MONEY AND CREDIT—Continued

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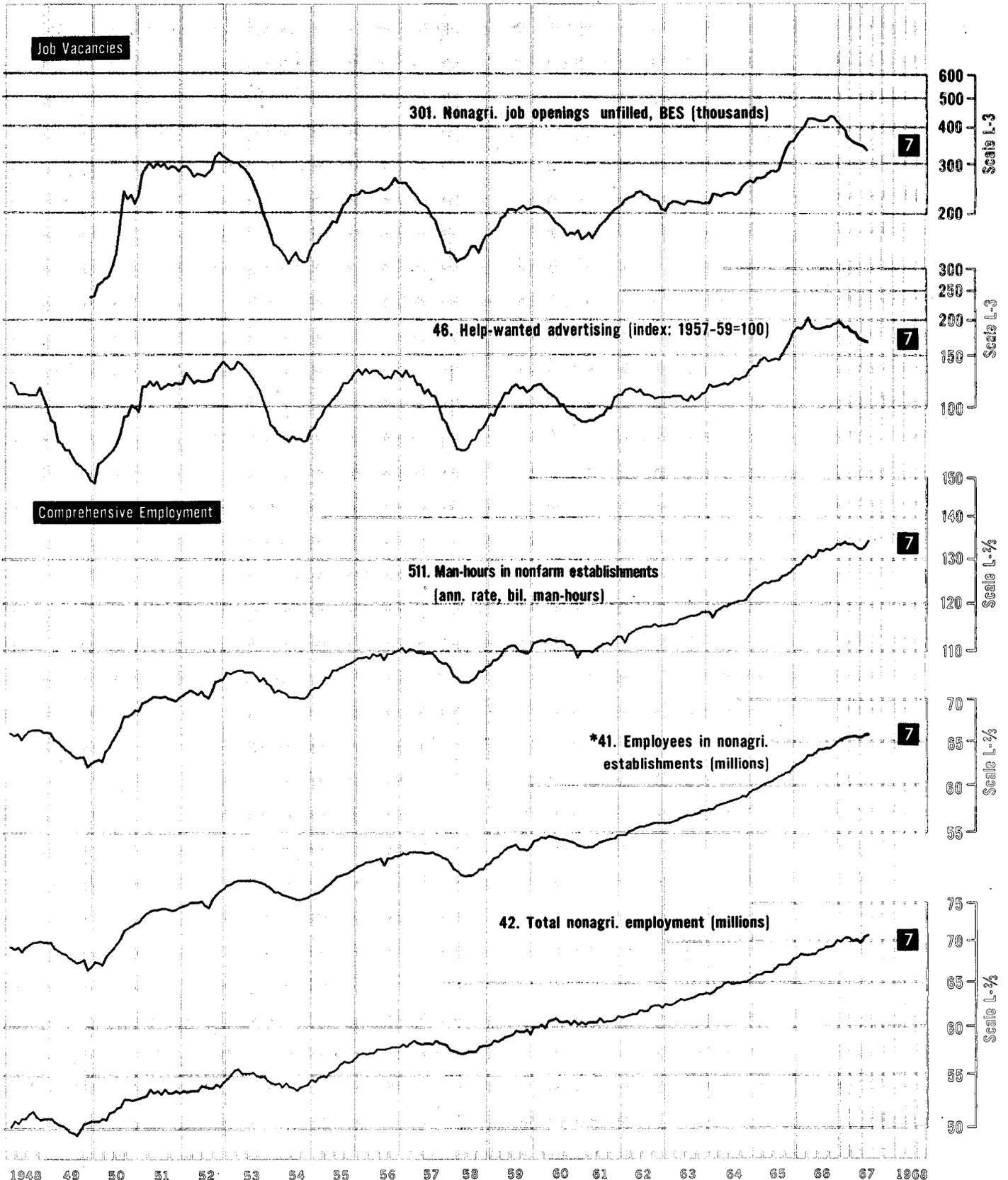


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Roughly Coincident Indicators

I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

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P	T		P	T		P	T		P	T



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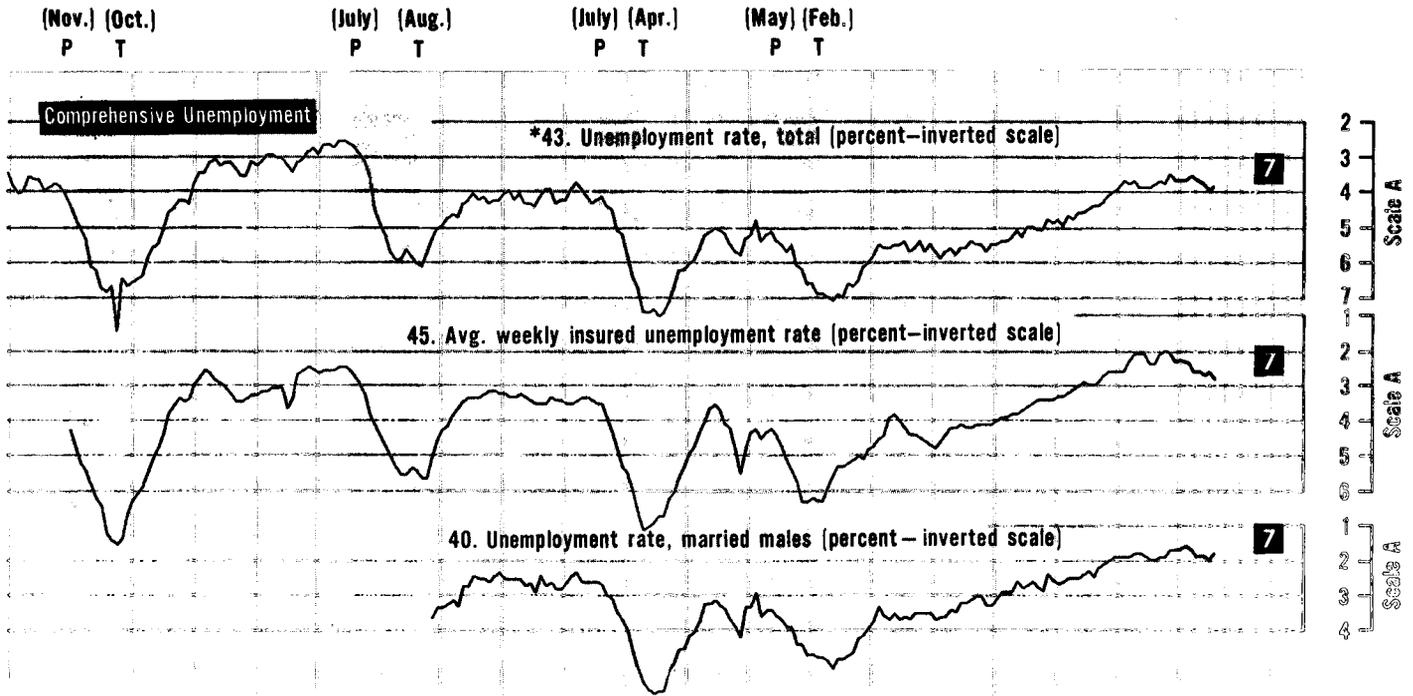
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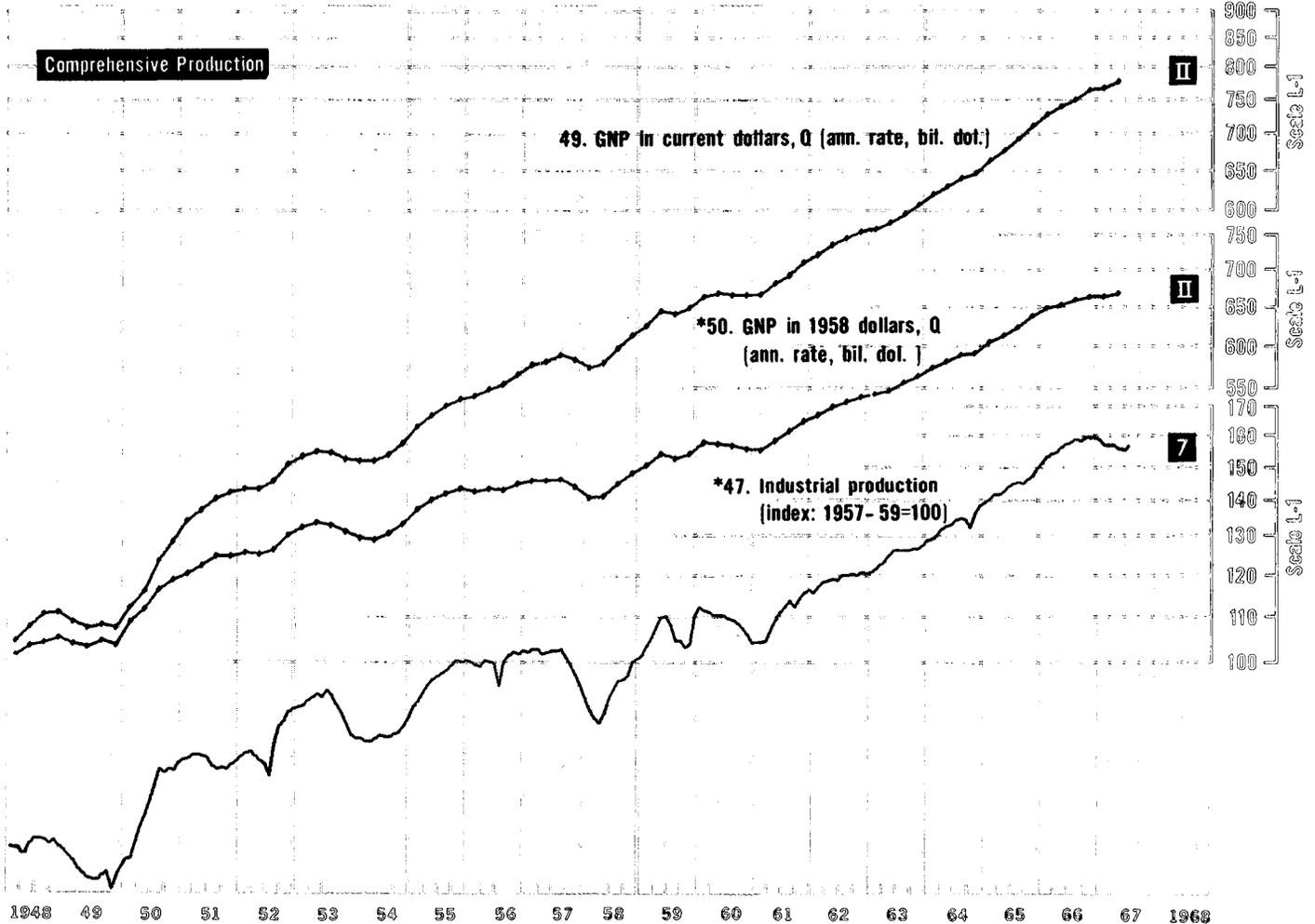
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I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT—Continued



II. PRODUCTION, INCOME, CONSUMPTION, AND TRADE



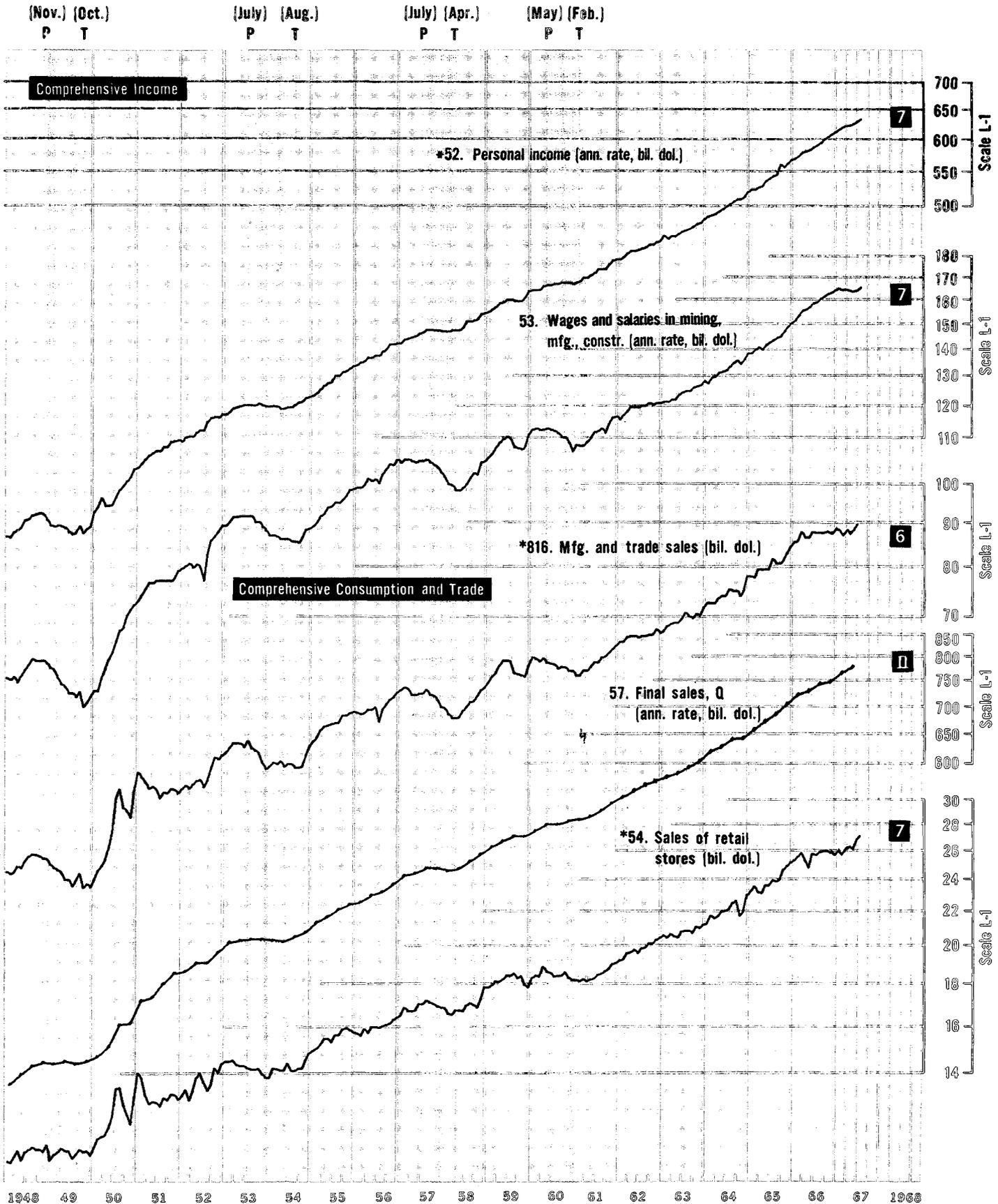
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Roughly Coincident Indicators-Continued

II. PRODUCTION, INCOME, CONSUMPTION, AND TRADE-Continued



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III. FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT

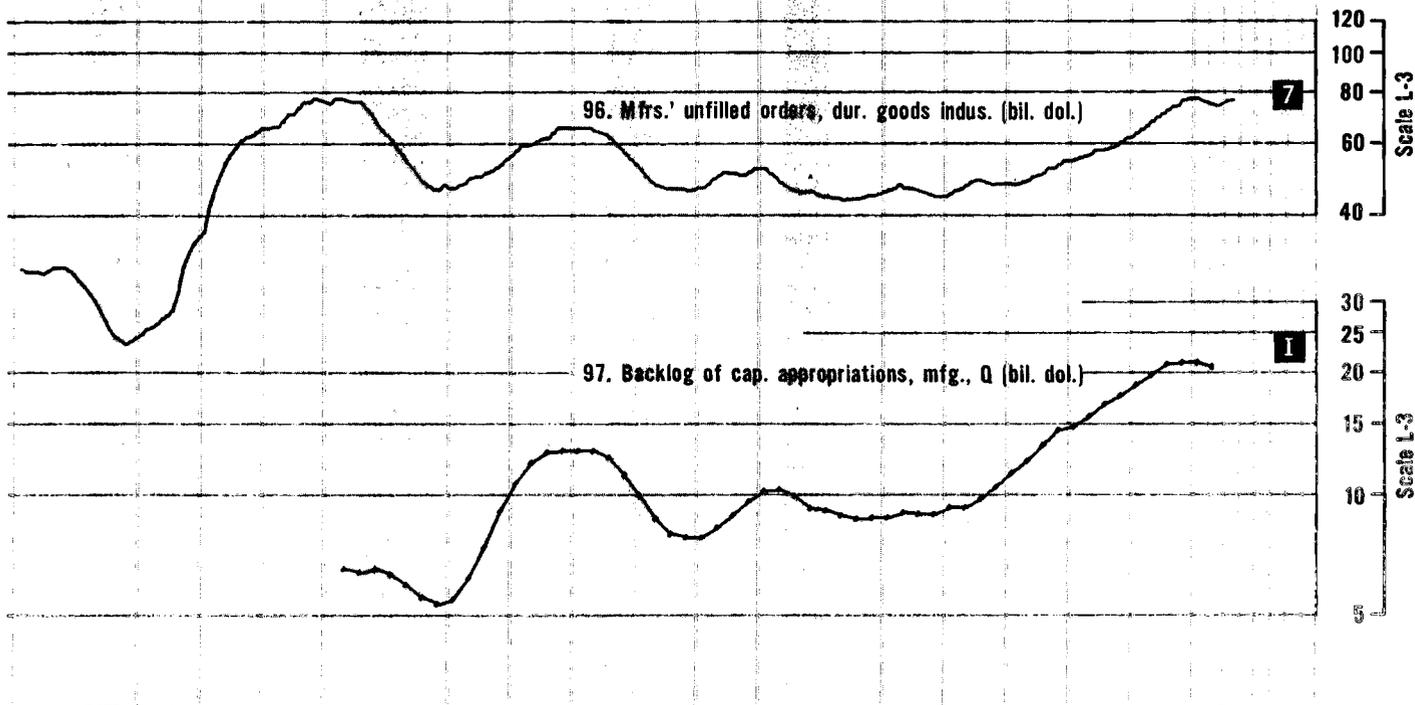
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P T

(July) (Aug.)
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P T

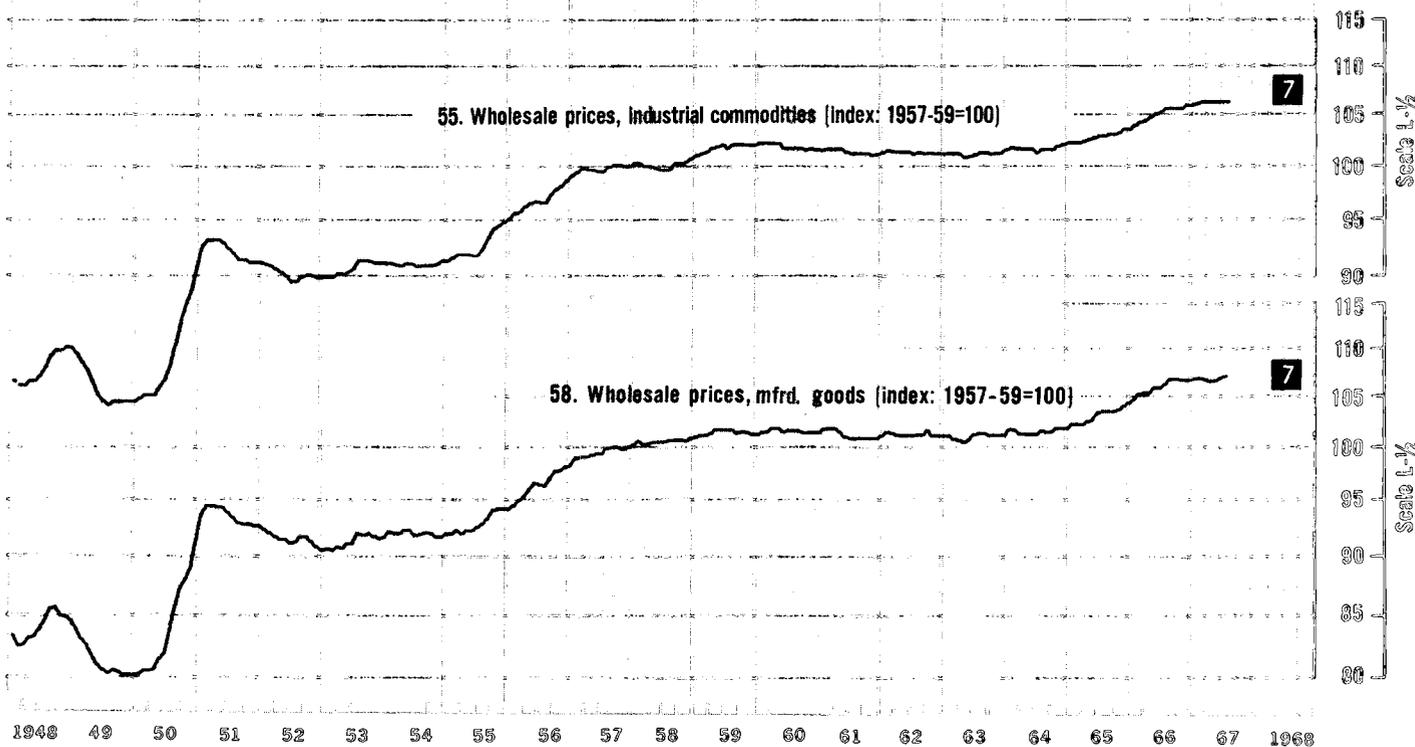
(May) (Feb.)
P T

Backlog of Investment Commitments



V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS

Comprehensive Wholesale Prices



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Roughly Coincident Indicators-Continued

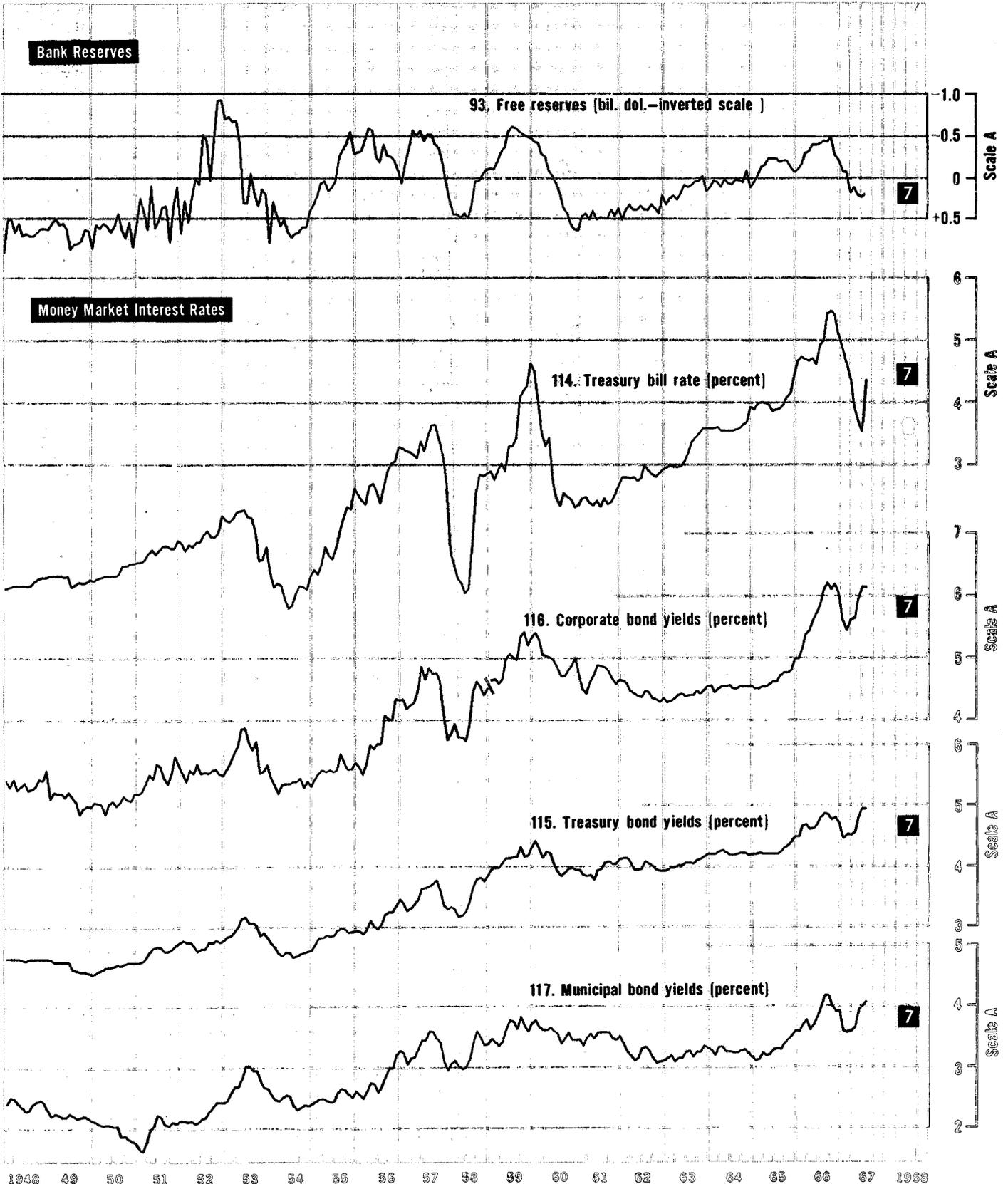
VI. MONEY AND CREDIT

(Nov.) (Oct.)
P T

(July) (Aug.)
P T

(July) (Apr.)
P T

(May) (Feb.)
P T



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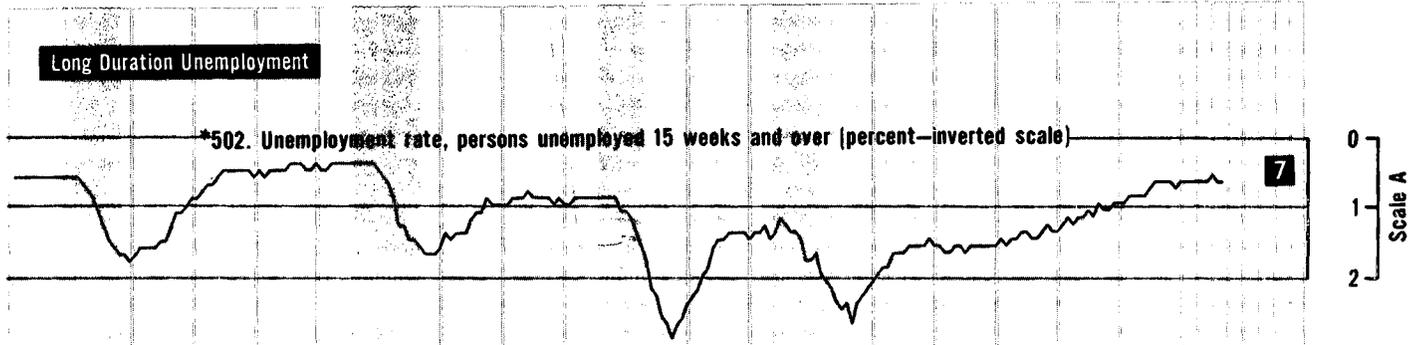
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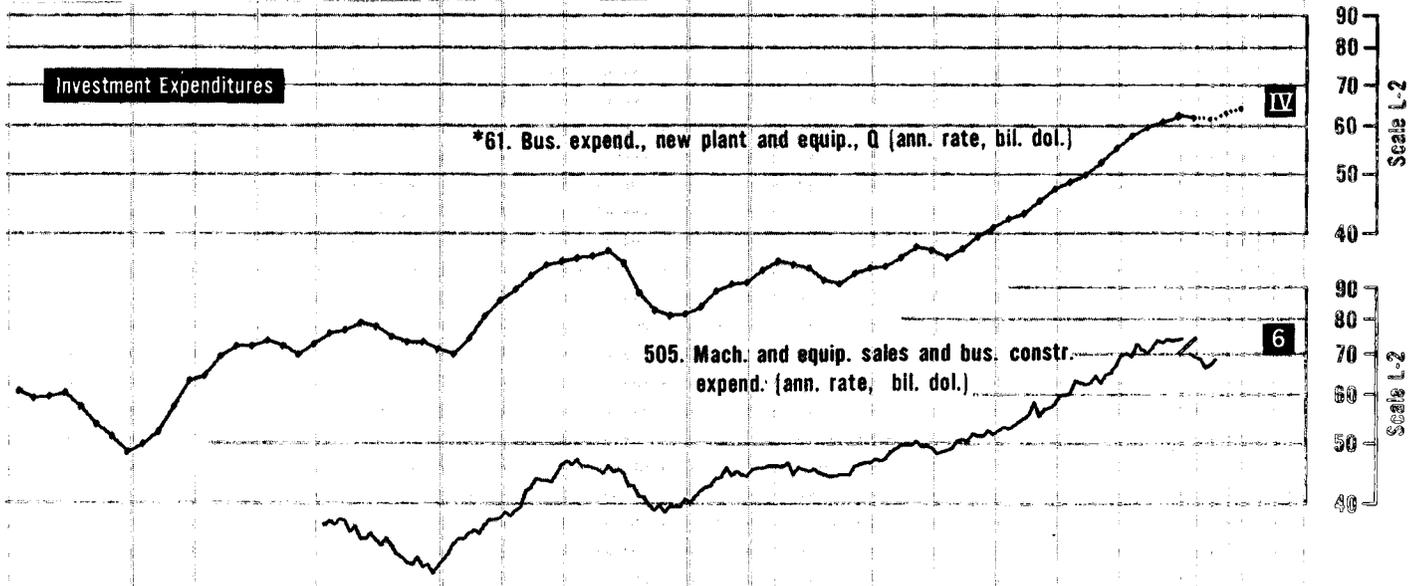
Lagging Indicators

I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

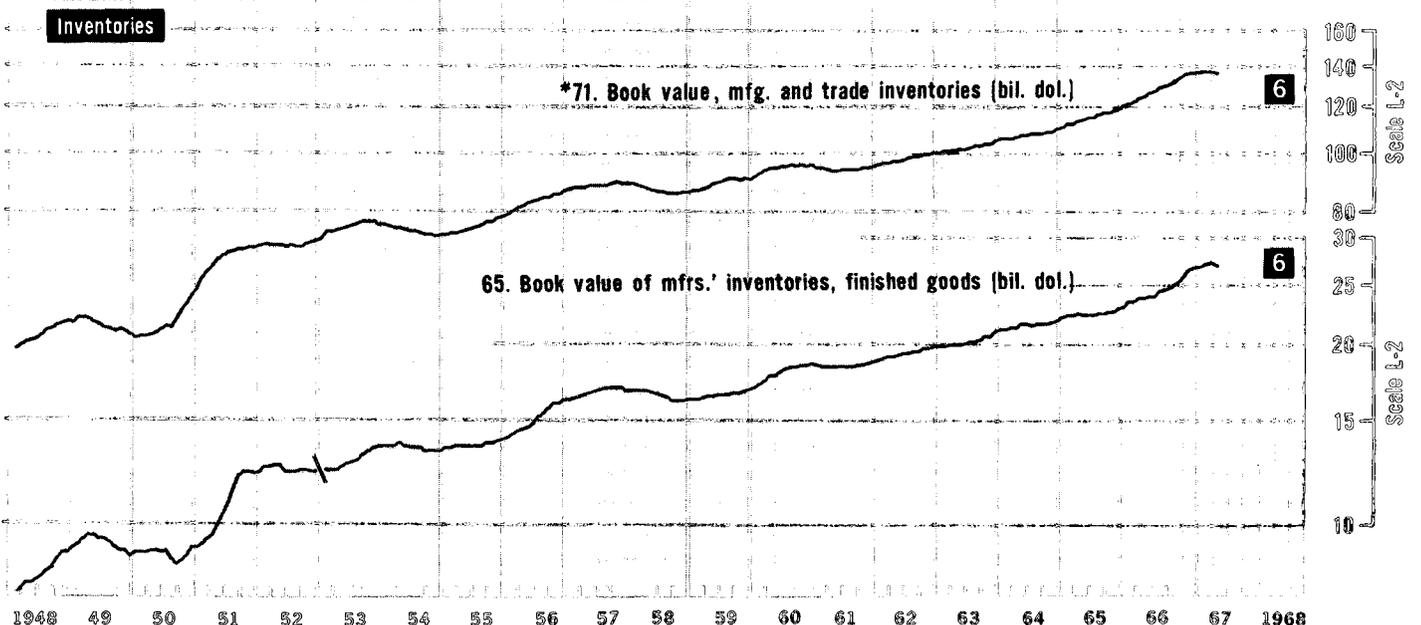
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III. FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT



IV. INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT

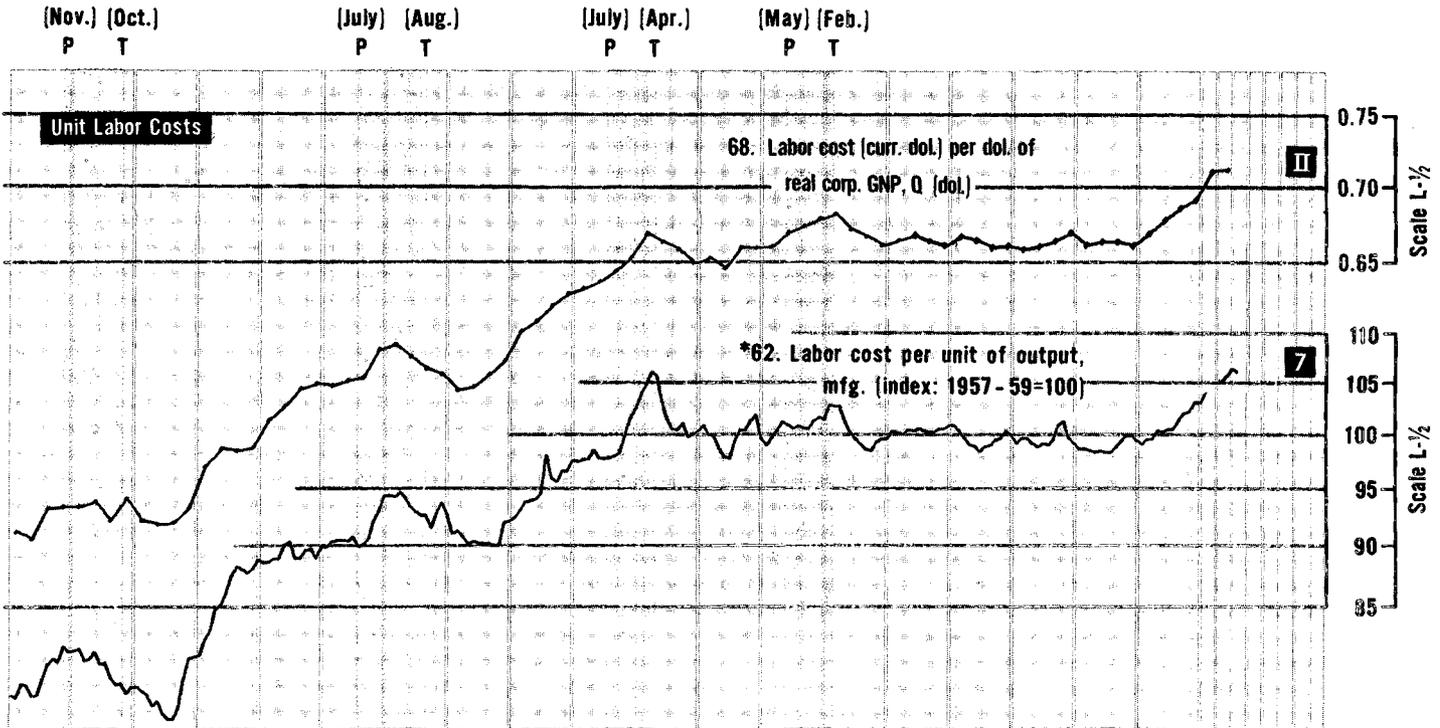


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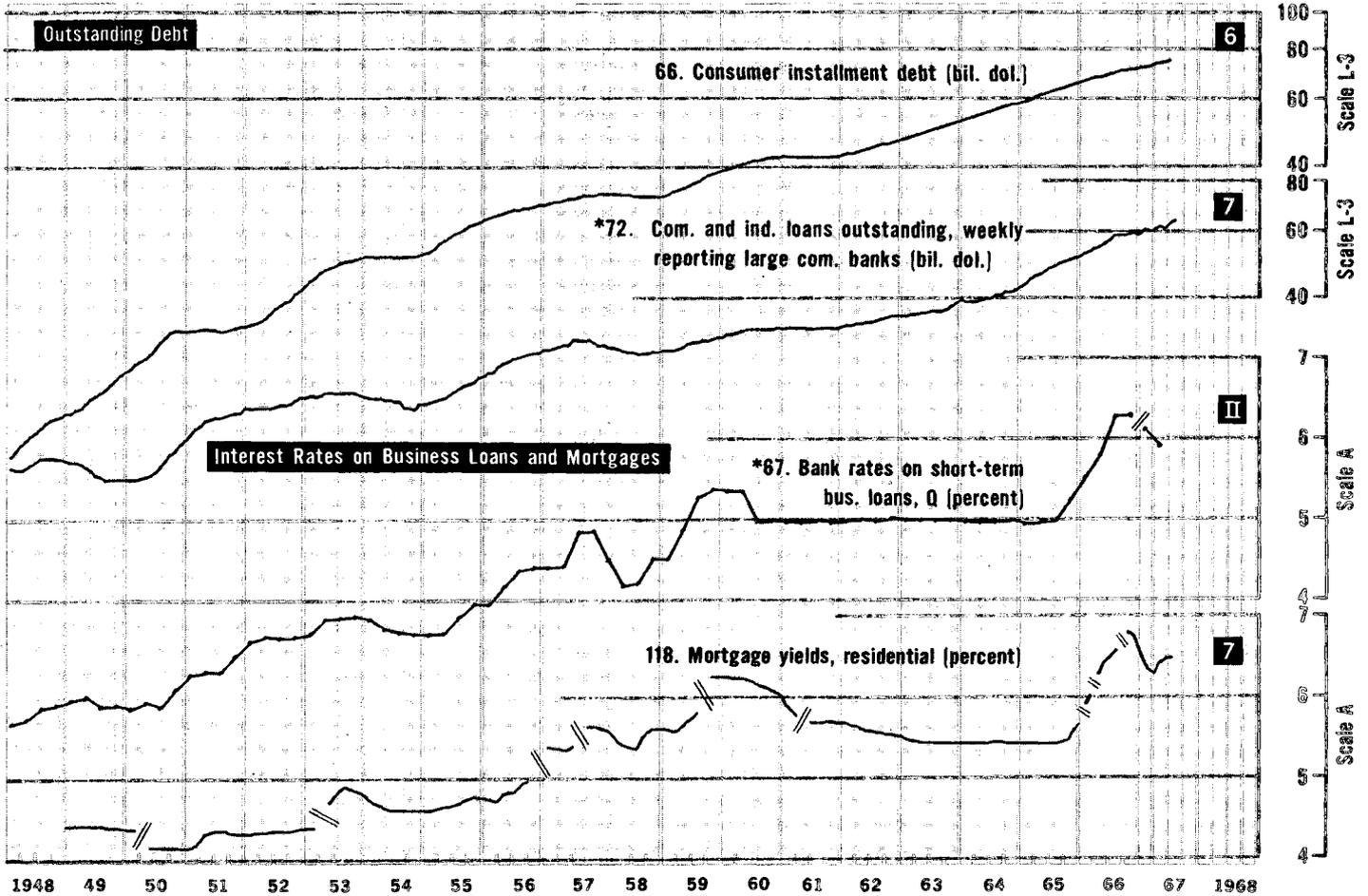
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V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS



VI. MONEY AND CREDIT



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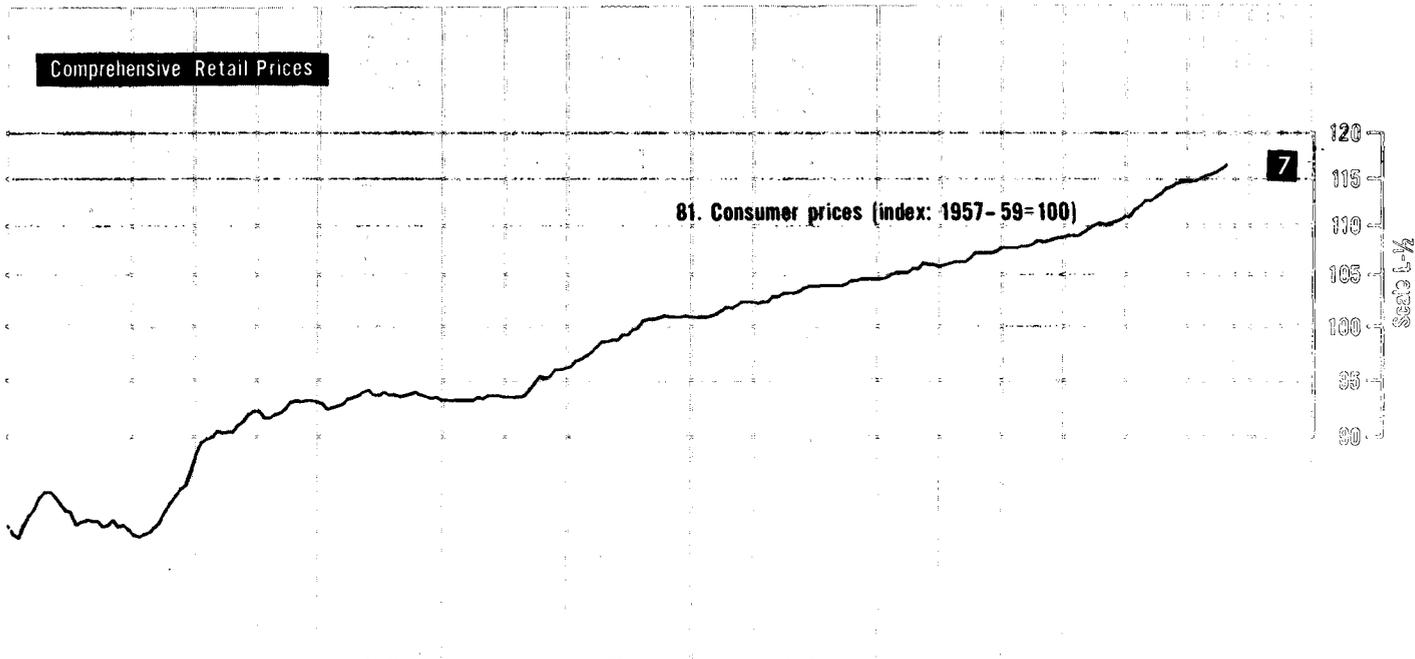
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Other Selected U.S. Series

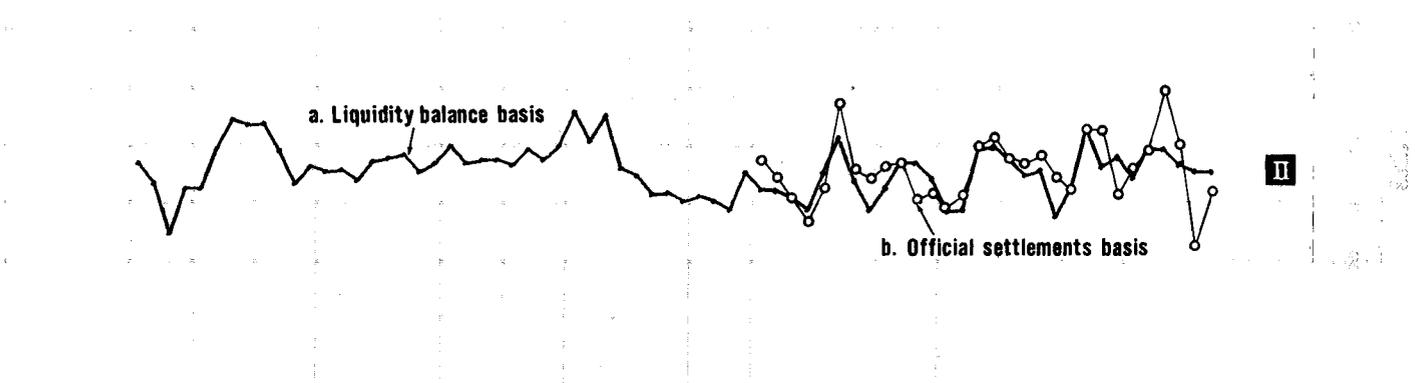
V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS

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P	T		P	T		P	T		P	T

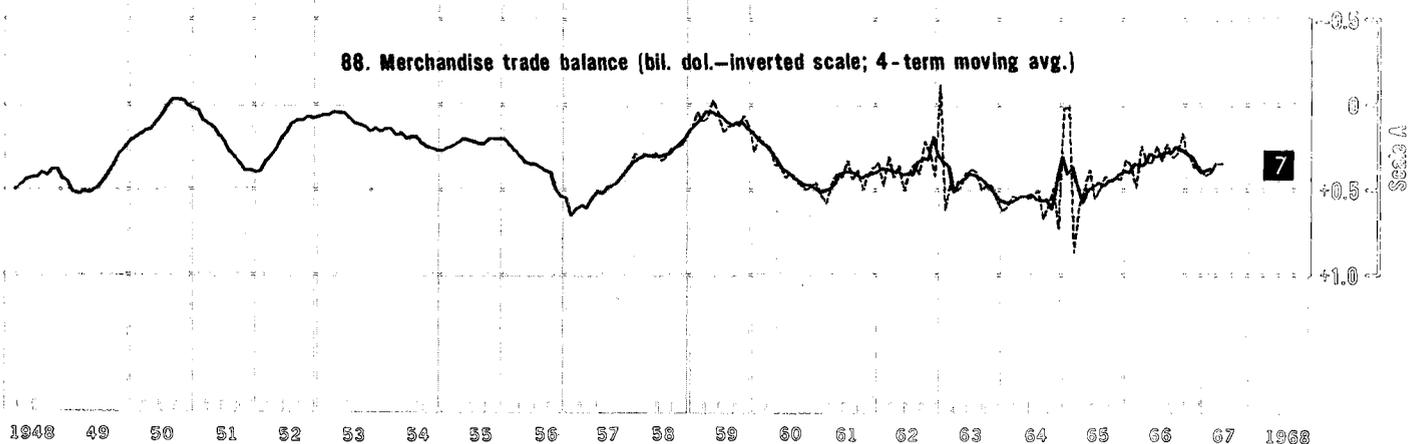


VII. FOREIGN TRADE AND PAYMENTS

89. U.S. balance of payments, Q (bil. dol.)



88. Merchandise trade balance (bil. dol.—inverted scale; 4-term moving avg.)



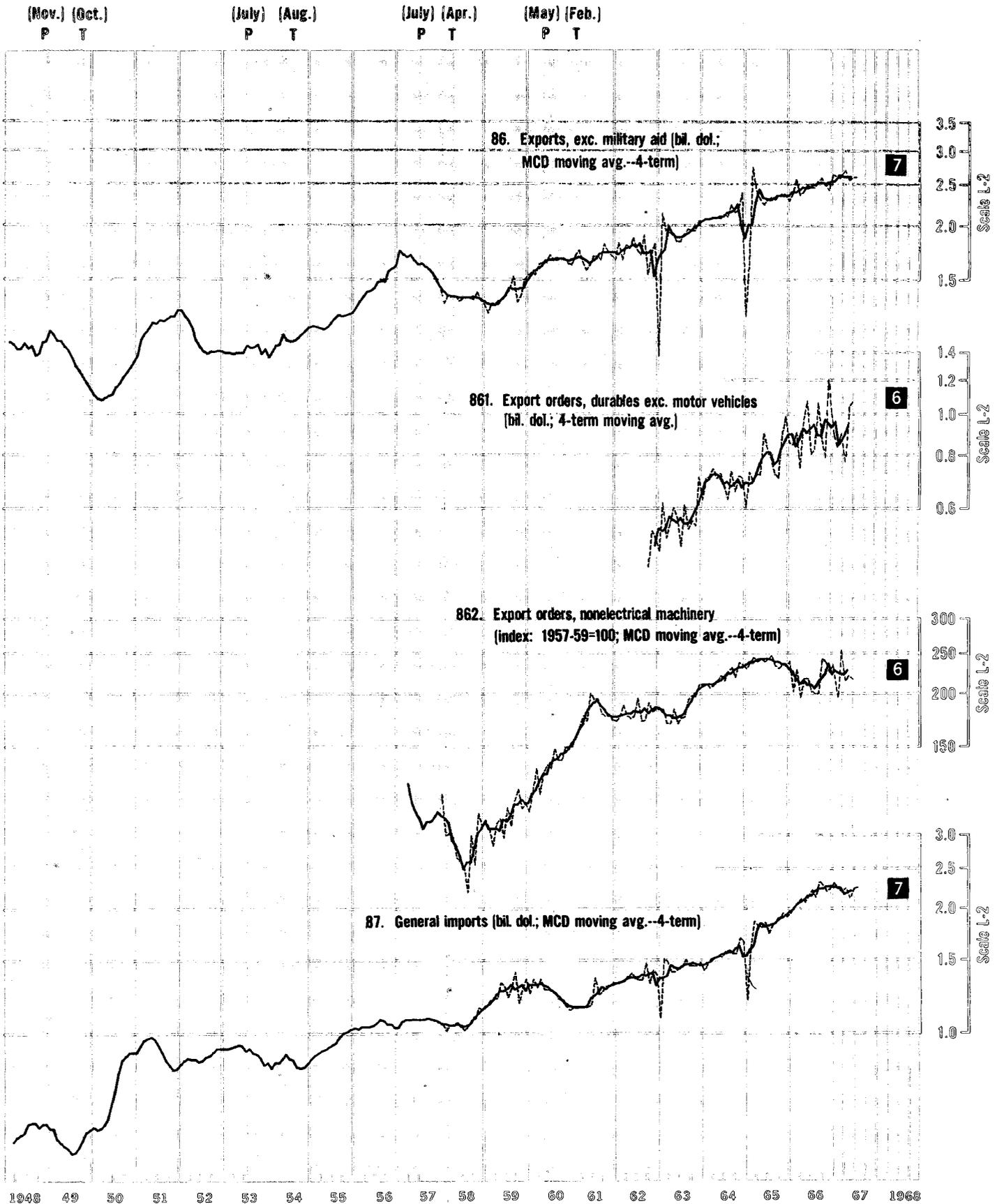
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VII. FOREIGN TRADE AND PAYMENTS—Continued



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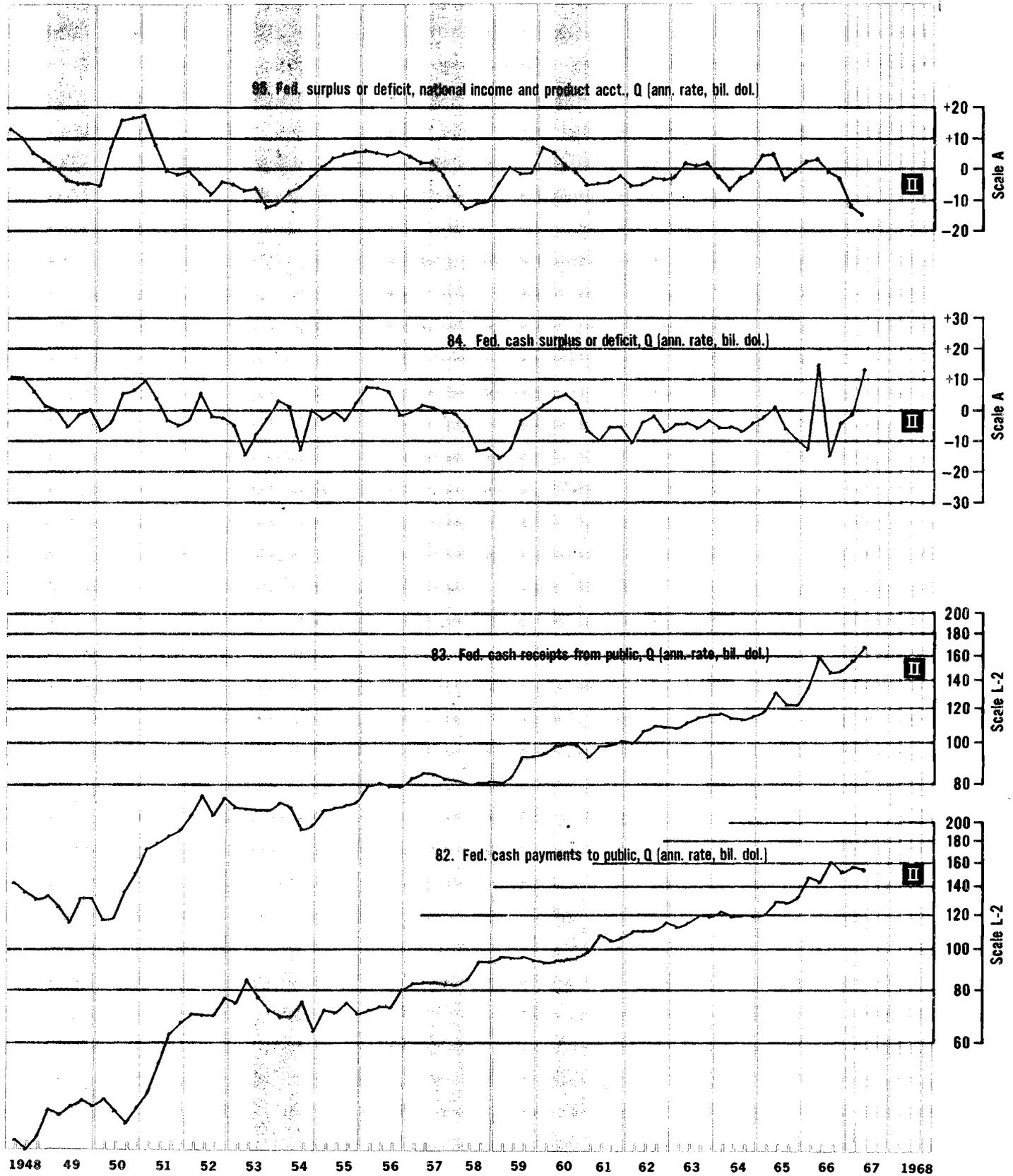
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VIII. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES:

(Nov.)	(Oct.)		(July)	(Aug.)		(July)	(Apr.)		(May)	(Feb.)
P	T		P	T		P	T		P	T



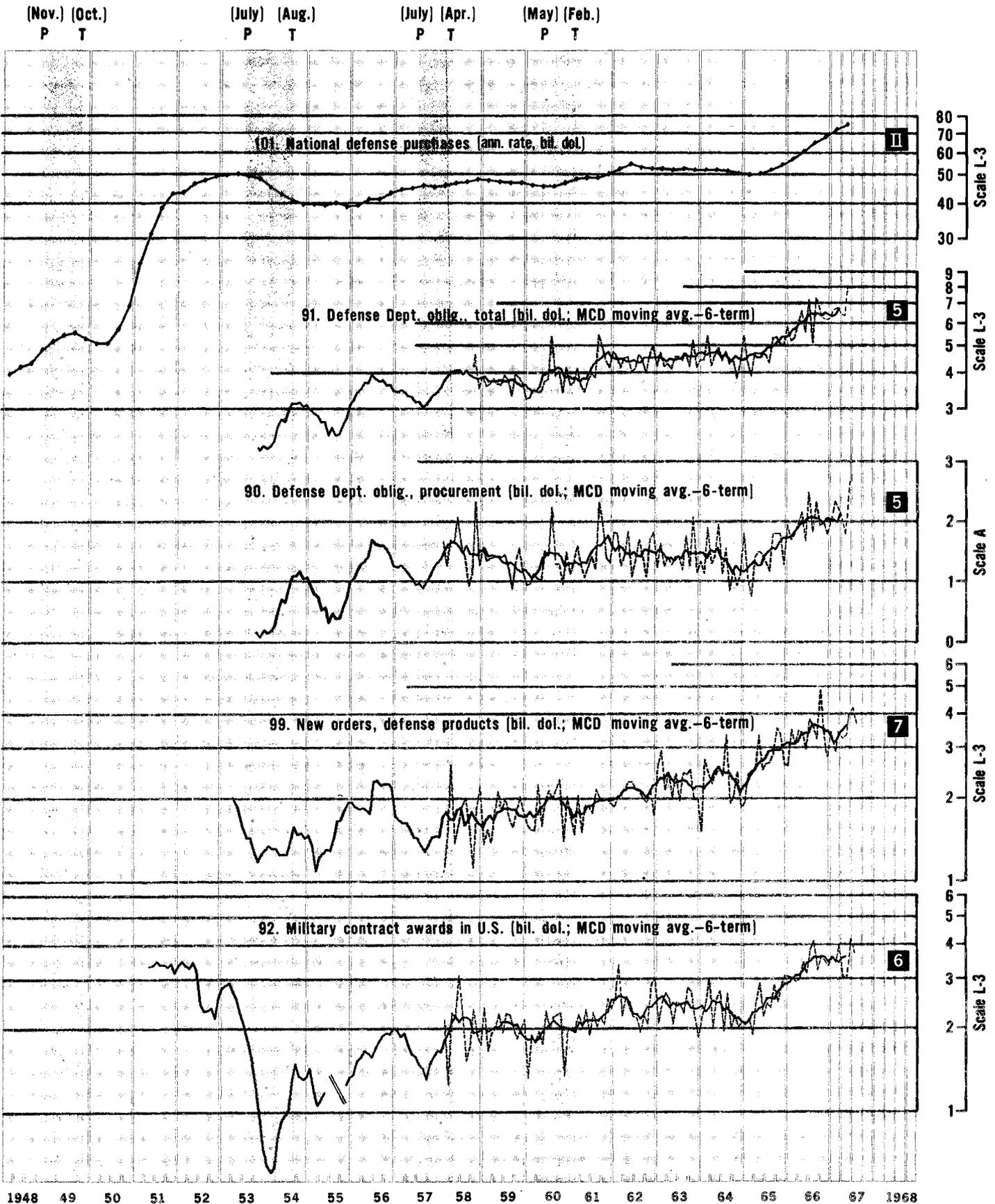
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Other Selected U.S. Series—Continued

VIII. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES—Continued



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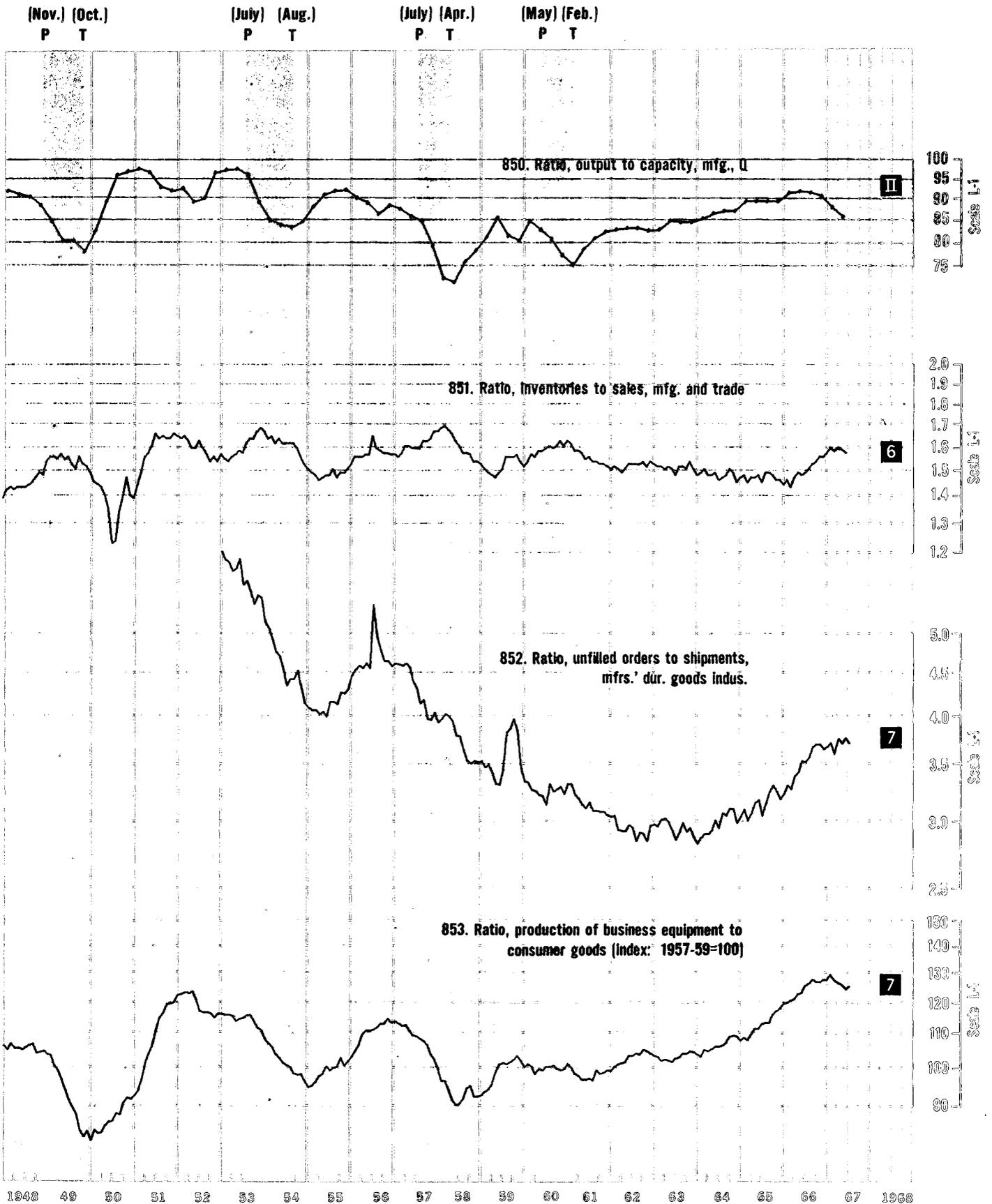
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U.S. Series Under Consideration-Continued



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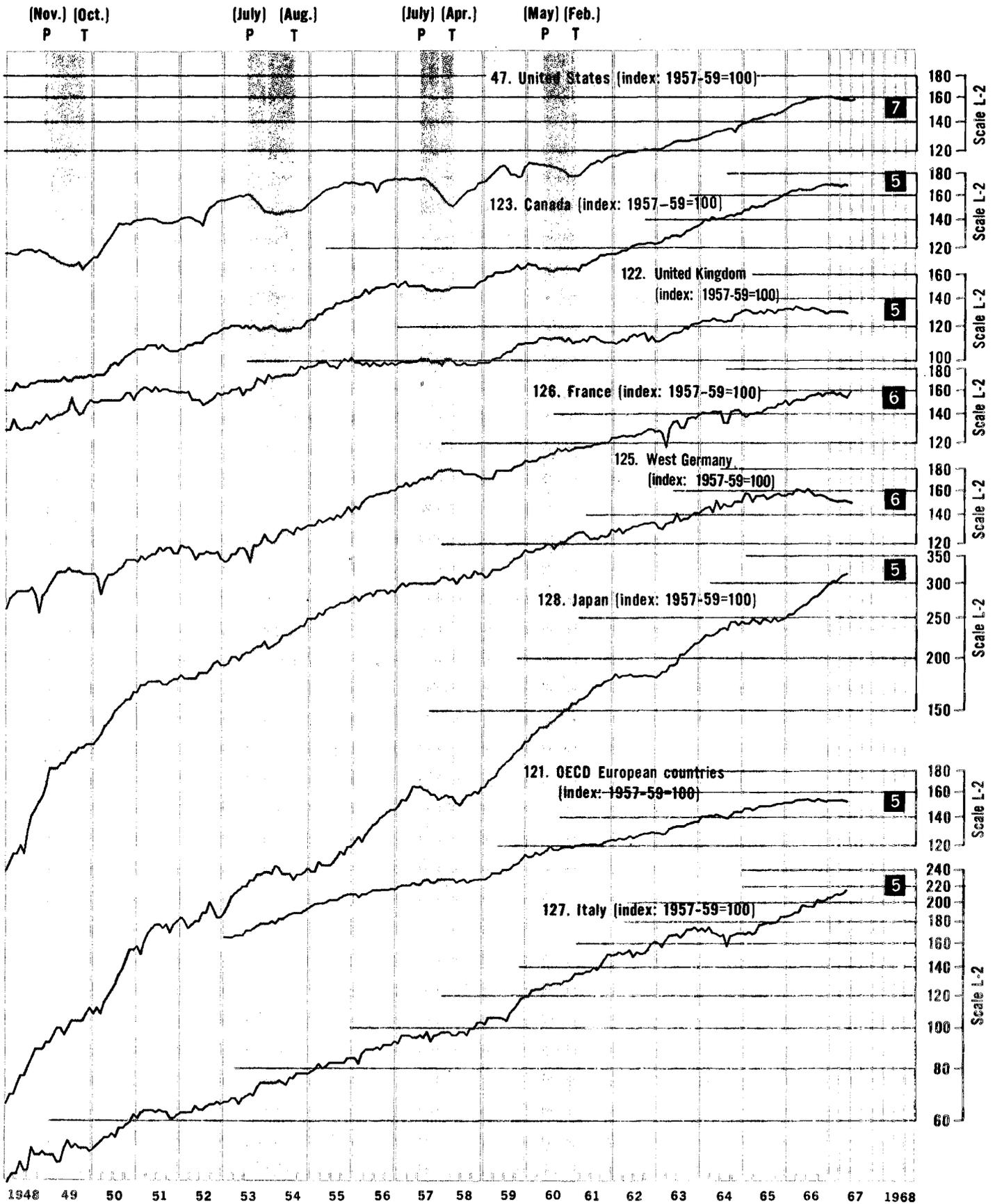
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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES



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Major Economic Process	EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT					FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT	
Minor Economic Process	Marginal Employment Adjustments					Formation of Business Enterprises	
Year and month	*1. Average workweek of production workers, manufacturing (Hours)	*30. Nonagricultural placements, all industries (Thous.)	2. Accession rate, manufacturing (Per 100 employees)	5. Average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance, State programs ¹ (Thous.)	3. Layoff rate, manufacturing (Per 100 employees)	*38. Index of net business formation (1957-59=100)	13. Number of new business incorporations (Number)
1965							
January	41.1	522	4.0	243	1.5	106.5	16,784
February	41.2	549	4.1	248	1.4	106.6	16,854
March	41.3	528	4.3	237	1.4	106.1	17,131
April	41.0	535	4.0	237	1.5	104.7	16,664
May	41.2	533	4.1	224	1.4	105.4	16,580
June	41.0	548	4.4	224	1.4	106.2	17,017
July	41.0	541	4.1	231	1.6	106.5	16,844
August	41.1	537	4.3	248	1.5	105.7	16,901
September	41.0	529	4.5	218	1.4	106.1	17,136
October	41.2	547	4.5	209	1.3	105.5	16,994
November	41.4	544	4.9	212	1.3	106.1	17,606
December	41.3	563	4.8	206	1.4	106.9	17,625
1966							
January	41.4	570	4.9	222	1.2	109.1	18,087
February	41.5	600	4.9	219	1.2	109.6	17,451
March	41.5	589	5.2	182	1.2	109.6	17,266
April	41.5	522	4.8	179	1.2	107.6	17,057
May	41.5	513	5.1	185	1.1	106.8	16,644
June	41.3	567	5.3	186	1.3	106.2	16,577
July	41.0	542	4.6	230	1.7	104.8	16,074
August	41.4	543	5.1	196	1.0	103.9	16,343
September	41.5	509	5.0	183	1.1	102.7	15,764
October	41.3	533	5.1	186	1.0	103.3	16,233
November	41.3	530	4.9	194	1.1	100.6	16,206
December	40.9	524	4.5	212	1.3	101.4	16,583
1967							
January	41.0	534	4.6	203	1.4	102.2	16,703
February	40.3	519	4.2	242	1.5	103.2	15,987
March	40.4	497	4.2	256	1.7	103.3	16,244
April	40.5	474	4.1	263	1.5	104.0	16,760
May	40.4	448	4.6	234	1.4	105.7	17,627
June	40.2	487	4.5	225	1.4	109.0	17,799
July	p40.3	p484	(NA)	265	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
August							
September							
October							
November							
December							

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¹Data exclude Puerto Rico which is included in figures published by source agency.

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Leading Indicators—Continued

Major Economic Process	FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT—Con.							
Minor Economic Process	New Investment Commitments							
Year and month	*6. Value of manufacturers' new orders, durable goods industries (Bil. dol.)	94. Index of construction contracts, total value (1957-59=100)	*10. Contracts and orders for plant and equipment (Bil. dol.)	11. Newly approved capital appropriations, 1,000 manufacturing corporations (Bil. dol.)	24. Value of manufacturers' new orders, machinery and equipment industries (Bil. dol.)	9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial buildings (Mil. sq. ft. floor space)	7. New private nonfarm housing units started ¹ (Ann. rate, thous.)	*29. Index of new private housing units authorized by local building permits ² (1957-59=100)
1965				Revised ³			Revised ³	
January	21.27	137	4.72	...	3.96	52.94	1,384	112.3
February	21.13	140	4.67	5.03	3.80	54.89	1,418	108.2
March	21.71	141	4.84	...	4.02	54.41	1,429	109.9
April	22.04	152	4.98	...	4.08	57.74	1,432	106.2
May	20.99	145	5.02	5.51	4.07	57.52	1,461	109.7
June	21.31	139	4.81	...	4.09	57.72	1,476	109.9
July	22.20	149	5.16	...	4.35	56.68	1,484	108.9
August	21.51	139	4.90	5.62	4.16	52.00	1,382	108.4
September	22.16	147	5.15	...	4.15	62.97	1,453	104.1
October	22.42	147	5.13	...	4.25	60.55	1,438	109.8
November	22.39	141	5.05	6.11	4.32	61.74	1,443	112.9
December	23.40	153	5.35	...	4.58	64.13	1,544	114.0
1966								
January	23.58	152	5.46	...	4.45	62.29	1,403	110.7
February	23.74	157	5.71	6.34	4.58	70.42	1,381	105.6
March	24.89	158	5.66	...	4.59	67.99	1,400	111.9
April	24.20	161	5.91	...	4.79	68.28	1,356	104.6
May	24.28	156	5.77	6.69	4.84	64.00	1,232	96.9
June	24.59	147	5.57	...	4.75	65.85	1,161	84.2
July	24.37	147	6.10	...	5.09	63.54	1,061	81.3
August	23.51	139	5.87	5.97	4.81	63.52	1,088	74.5
September	25.27	146	6.28	...	4.91	64.40	1,020	64.7
October	24.24	139	5.76	...	4.82	54.76	824	63.0
November	23.03	130	5.52	5.96	4.65	64.42	956	63.1
December	23.96	133	5.45	...	4.60	60.21	910	67.0
1967								
January	22.07	126	5.40	...	4.54	49.09	1,079	83.1
February	22.33	143	5.34	5.68	4.24	57.84	1,132	78.9
March	22.06	149	5.50	...	4.32	56.14	1,067	81.9
April	22.23	138	5.37	...	4.44	59.04	1,099	90.7
May	r23.86	154	5.55	(NA)	r4.61	53.16	1,254	91.1
June	r24.19	164	r5.82	...	r4.79	64.03	1,208	r97.9
July	p23.78	149	p5.67	...	p4.80	55.29	p1,347	p96.1
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								

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¹High value (1,833) was reached in October 1963.

²High value (124.6) was reached in February 1964.

³See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page v.

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Leading Indicators—Continued



Major Economic Process	INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT						
Minor Economic Process	Inventory Investment and Purchasing						
Year and month	21. Change in business inventories after valuation adjustment, all industries (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	*31. Change in book value of manufacturing and trade inventories, total (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	37. Purchased materials, percent of companies reporting higher inventories ¹ (Percent reporting)	20. Change in book value of manufacturers' inventories of materials and supplies ² (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	26. Production materials, percent of companies reporting commitments 60 days or longer [Ⓢ] (Percent reporting)	32. Vendor performance, percent of companies reporting slower deliveries [Ⓢ] (Percent reporting)	25. Change in unfilled orders, durable goods industries (Bil. dol.)
1965							
January.....	...	+12.6	61	+1.0	65	68	+0.32
February.....	+10.6	+3.8	62	+0.4	65	72	+0.81
March.....	...	+14.9	57	+2.5	68	66	+0.44
April.....	...	+8.8	61	+5.3	67	72	+0.84
May.....	+8.8	+8.4	59	+1.5	65	70	+0.50
June.....	...	+7.8	56	-0.5	62	66	+0.58
July.....	...	+11.5	54	+0.7	62	62	+0.38
August.....	+9.4	+12.2	58	+1.4	63	64	+0.32
September.....	...	+2.3	57	+3.1	61	62	+1.24
October.....	...	+6.3	47	+0.9	63	60	+1.28
November.....	+9.9	+10.2	49	+1.0	63	66	+0.78
December.....	...	+19.4	49	+2.0	63	72	+1.09
1966							
January.....	...	+8.1	49	+0.9	68	74	+1.27
February.....	+9.9	+11.7	47	+1.2	67	85	+1.31
March.....	...	+13.1	52	+0.8	68	86	+1.65
April.....	...	+12.8	51	+3.8	69	82	+1.49
May.....	+14.0	+17.7	53	+3.4	70	75	+1.36
June.....	...	+16.9	54	+4.0	72	69	+1.70
July.....	...	+13.6	58	+1.1	73	70	+1.34
August.....	+11.4	+15.9	58	+5.4	73	73	+0.64
September.....	...	+9.6	54	+3.3	72	72	+2.30
October.....	...	+18.6	58	+1.4	75	70	+0.79
November.....	▶ +18.5	▶ +17.6	57	+2.0	73	64	-0.21
December.....	...	▶ +20.3	56	+1.6	70	57	+0.24
1967							
January.....	...	+12.5	47	+2.2	72	48	-0.99
February.....	+7.1	+2.3	43	-1.0	67	51	-0.30
March.....	...	+3.8	46	-0.3	68	38	-1.07
April.....	...	+3.1	37	+0.6	67	39	-0.04
May.....	r+0.5	r+0.9	39	r-1.1	66	36	r+0.96
June.....	...	p-5.5	42	p-0.8	68	38	r+1.16
July.....	...	(NA)	40	(NA)	61	41	p+0.58
August.....
September.....
October.....
November.....
December.....

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¹High value (63) was reached in November 1964.

²High value (+6.6) was reached in December 1961.

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Leading Indicators—Continued

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Major Economic Process	PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS					
Minor Economic Process	Sensitive Commodity Prices	Stock Prices	Profits and Profit Margins			
Year and month	*23. Index of industrial materials prices ⁽¹⁾	*19. Index of stock prices, 500 common stocks ⁽²⁾	*16. Corporate profits after taxes	22. Ratio of profits to income originating, corporate, all industries	18. Profits (before taxes) per dollar of sales, all manufacturing corporations	*17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost index, manufacturing
	(1957-59=100)	(1941-43=10)	(Ann. rate, bil. dol)	(Percent)	(Cents)	(1957-59=100)
1965						
January.....	110.6	86.12	...	...	...	103.0
February.....	110.7	86.75	43.7	13.0	9.6	103.0
March.....	113.2	86.83	...	...	...	103.1
April.....	116.7	87.97	...	...	...	103.5
May.....	116.9	89.28	44.6	13.1	9.3	103.7
June.....	115.3	85.04	...	...	...	104.5
July.....	114.6	84.91	...	...	...	104.6
August.....	115.2	86.49	44.8	13.0	9.4	104.2
September.....	114.8	89.38	...	...	...	103.5
October.....	115.0	91.39	...	...	...	103.2
November.....	115.5	92.15	47.7	13.5	9.5	103.6
December.....	117.1	91.73	...	...	...	104.4
1966						
January.....	120.5	▶ 93.32	...	▶ ...	▶ ...	105.1
February.....	122.9	92.69	49.2	▶ 13.5	▶ 9.8	105.1
March.....	▶ 123.5	88.88	...	...	...	105.1
April.....	121.5	91.60	...	...	...	104.5
May.....	118.3	86.78	49.2	13.2	9.3	105.0
June.....	118.4	86.06	...	...	...	104.7
July.....	118.8	85.84	...	...	...	▶ 105.2
August.....	111.7	80.65	▶ 49.4	13.0	9.2	104.6
September.....	108.9	77.81	...	...	...	103.9
October.....	106.3	77.13	...	...	...	103.7
November.....	105.9	80.99	49.3	12.6	9.0	102.7
December.....	105.8	81.33	...	...	...	102.8
1967						
January.....	106.8	84.45	...	...	...	101.5
February.....	105.2	87.36	46.5	12.0	8.5	101.0
March.....	102.5	89.42	...	...	...	100.6
April.....	100.1	90.96	...	...	...	r100.8
May.....	r99.6	92.59	p46.6	p12.0	(NA)	100.3
June.....	99.8 ¹	91.43	...	...	...	r99.6
July.....	98.3	93.01	p100.1
August.....	¹ 97.9	² 94.32
September.....
October.....
November.....
December.....

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¹ Average for August 17, 18, and 21.

² Average for August 18, 21, and 22.

BASIC DATA
LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued
Leading Indicators—Continued



Major Economic Process	MONEY AND CREDIT							
Minor Economic Process	Flows of Money and Credit						Credit Difficulties	
Year and month	98. Change in money supply and time deposits (Ann. rate, percent)	85. Change in total U.S. money supply (Ann. rate, percent)	33. Net change in mortgage debt held by fin. inst. and life insurance companies ¹ (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	*113. Net change in consumer installment debt (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	112. Change in business loans (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	110. Total private borrowing (Ann. rate, mil. dol.)	14. Current liabilities of business failures ² (Mil. dol.)	39. Delinquency rate, 30 days and over, total installment loans ³ (Percent)
			Revised ⁴					
1965								
January	+8.76	0.00	+20.53	+7.38	+9.90	...	84.54	...
February	+8.76	+0.72	+18.97	+7.16	+12.67	62,100	107.57	1.77
March	+7.44	+3.72	+21.13	+7.70	+11.34	...	146.29	...
April	+8.16	+5.28	+20.56	▲ +8.94	+7.68	...	79.51	1.71
May	+4.08	-2.28	+19.88	+7.87	+10.38	69,232	139.09	...
June	+10.56	+7.44	+22.94	+7.14	+10.09	...	135.66	1.74
July	+9.72	+5.16	+20.35	+8.69	+14.12	...	120.64	...
August	+10.80	+4.44	+21.44	+7.87	+5.39	64,688	128.98	1.83
September	+10.68	+8.04	+22.01	+8.23	+7.87	...	108.56	...
October	+12.60	+8.04	+20.93	+7.44	+7.45	...	85.67	1.83
November	+8.52	+2.88	+21.79	+8.39	+6.96	67,836	66.65	...
December	+11.52	+11.64	+21.98	+7.61	+5.30	...	128.06	1.65
1966								
January	+6.48	+5.76	+23.81	+7.16	+14.10	...	111.67	...
February	+3.36	+1.44	+22.72	+6.46	+6.24	66,924	94.59	1.73
March	+7.92	+7.80	+22.82	+7.79	+8.76	...	98.73	...
April	+13.20	+11.28	+20.80	+6.37	+8.50	...	106.93	1.78
May	+3.36	-4.92	+17.69	+5.92	+9.58	▲ 77,784	92.41	...
June	+10.08	+6.36	+15.18	+6.59	+17.70	...	111.23	1.76
July	+0.36	-10.56	+12.11	+6.77	▲ +20.72	...	62.84	...
August	+4.80	0.00	+12.84	+7.22	+3.28	56,320	159.29	1.76
September	+5.16	+6.36	+11.45	+5.70	+0.67	...	128.77	...
October	-4.44	-6.36	+10.15	+4.56	+5.93	...	128.02	1.79
November	-1.44	-2.88	+10.07	+5.33	+2.63	50,524	116.90	...
December	+8.52	+7.80	+7.14	+3.85	+0.14	...	194.09	1.75
1967								
January	+6.60	-4.92	+14.11	+3.36	+6.01	...	118.61	...
February	+12.72	+5.64	+12.11	+2.59	+0.86	r59,456	111.23	1.82
March	▲ +16.20	▲ +16.92	+11.95	+3.17	+6.83	...	108.87	...
April	+4.56	-4.92	+11.64	+2.56	+9.25	...	110.80	1.90
May	+14.16	+13.92	+15.80	+2.32	+1.63	p65,400	93.00	...
June	r+15.00	+13.08	p+19.27	+3.50	+8.16	...	87.20	1.72
July	p+11.40	p+7.44	(NA)	(NA)	p+16.46	...	64.15	...
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								

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¹High value (24.02) was reached in October 1963.

²High value (52.86) was reached in August 1963.

³High value (1.57) was reached in May 1963.

⁴See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page v.

Table 2B



BASIC DATA

LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

 AUGUST 1967 **bcd**

Roughly Coincident Indicators

Major Economic Process	EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT							
Minor Economic Process	Job Vacancies		Comprehensive Employment			Comprehensive Unemployment		
Year and month	301. Nonagricultural job openings unfilled	46. Index of help-wanted advertising in newspapers	511. Man-hours in nonagricultural establishments	*41. Number of employees in nonagricultural establishments	42. Total non-agricultural employment, labor force survey	*43. Unemployment rate, total	45. Average weekly insured unemployment rate, State programs ¹	40. Unemployment rate, married males
	(Thous.)	(1957-59 = 100)	(Ann. rate, bil. man-hours)	(Thous.)	(Thous.)	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)
1965								
January	268	137	123.22	59,489	65,841	4.8	3.3	2.7
February	267	145	123.98	59,777	65,863	5.0	3.3	2.6
March	270	148	124.44	60,072	66,150	4.7	3.2	2.5
April	279	143	124.11	60,152	66,109	4.8	3.1	2.5
May	285	145	124.68	60,363	66,169	4.6	3.0	2.5
June	280	146	124.75	60,623	66,582	4.6	2.9	2.4
July	285	145	124.96	60,841	67,061	4.5	3.0	2.3
August	313	152	125.87	61,021	66,961	4.4	3.0	2.5
September	338	160	126.14	61,180	67,017	4.4	2.9	2.2
October	354	168	126.59	61,437	67,197	4.3	2.7	2.1
November	359	181	127.49	61,864	67,681	4.1	2.6	2.0
December	378	186	128.30	62,241	67,950	4.0	2.6	1.9
1966								
January	392	184	128.70	62,469	68,266	3.9	2.6	1.9
February	403	191	129.75	62,811	68,186	3.7	2.6	1.9
March	428	201	130.72	63,247	68,153	3.8	2.3	1.9
April	430	189	130.07	63,350	68,343	3.7	2.1	1.8
May	425	185	130.26	63,517	68,351	3.9	2.1	1.8
June	421	184	131.66	63,983	68,749	3.9	2.2	1.9
July	420	186	131.44	64,072	68,920	3.9	2.4	2.0
August	426	189	132.18	64,199	69,206	3.8	2.4	2.0
September	438	189	131.84	64,168	69,309	3.7	2.1	1.9
October	433	193	132.26	64,466	69,420	3.8	2.0	1.9
November	417	194	133.12	64,823	70,005	3.5	2.1	1.7
December	406	193	133.08	65,076	69,882	3.7	2.3	1.7
1967								
January	393	189	134.03	65,381	70,240	3.7	2.3	1.7
February	374	190	133.52	65,497	70,247	3.7	2.4	1.6
March	364	184	133.51	65,600	69,892	3.6	2.6	1.7
April	353	181	132.72	65,476	70,020	3.7	2.6	1.9
May	350	174	132.69	65,428	69,637	3.8	2.7	1.9
June	347	171	133.34	65,687	70,420	4.0	2.6	2.0
July	p337	p169	p134.24	p65,882	p70,633	3.9	2.8	1.8
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								

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¹Data exclude Puerto Rico which is included in figures published by source agency.

LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

Roughly Coincident Indicators—Continued



Major Economic Process	PRODUCTION, INCOME, CONSUMPTION, AND TRADE							
Minor Economic Process	Comprehensive Production			Comprehensive Income		Comprehensive Consumption and Trade		
Year and month	49. Gross national product in current dollars (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	*50. Gross national product in 1958 dollars (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	*47. Index of industrial production (1957-59=100)	*52. Personal income (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	53. Wages and salaries in mining, manufacturing, and construction (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	*816. Manufacturing and trade sales (Mil. dol.)	57. Final sales (series 49 minus series 21) (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	*54. Sales of retail stores (Mil. dol.)
1965								
January .....	...	...	138.8	519.2	136.7	76,867	...	22,936
February	662.7	601.5	139.6	519.3	138.0	76,558	652.0	23,076
March .....	...	...	140.9	522.5	139.2	78,734	...	22,856
April .....	...	...	141.0	524.6	138.2	78,330	...	22,849
May	675.4	609.7	141.8	530.6	139.9	78,643	666.5	23,317
June .....	...	...	143.1	535.1	140.9	78,805	...	23,322
July .....	...	...	144.3	538.1	141.7	80,776	...	23,668
August	690.0	620.7	144.9	540.3	142.8	79,685	680.6	23,585
September .....	...	...	144.1	555.2	143.2	79,610	...	23,753
October .....	...	...	145.5	550.8	145.2	80,655	...	24,330
November	708.4	634.4	146.7	556.0	146.9	82,214	698.5	24,647
December .....	...	...	149.0	561.4	148.7	83,479	...	24,704
1966								
January .....	...	...	150.6	563.7	149.4	84,727	...	25,081
February	725.9	645.4	152.4	567.4	151.5	84,530	716.0	25,049
March .....	...	...	153.7	572.3	153.4	86,991	...	25,536
April .....	...	...	153.9	574.7	154.0	85,455	...	24,949
May	736.7	649.3	155.3	576.1	155.0	85,426	722.6	24,475
June .....	...	...	156.5	581.1	156.8	86,957	...	25,394
July .....	...	...	157.2	584.7	156.9	86,678	...	25,362
August	748.2	654.8	158.0	589.1	158.5	86,995	737.4	25,572
September .....	...	...	157.7	594.1	159.5	86,775	...	25,703
October .....	...	...	158.9	597.5	160.5	87,066	...	25,550
November	762.1	661.1	158.6	602.1	161.3	86,699	743.6	25,610
December .....	...	...	H 159.0	r605.0	162.1	87,875	...	25,368
1967								
January .....	...	...	158.1	610.4	163.3	87,386	...	25,687
February	766.3	660.7	156.4	612.6	162.4	86,299	759.2	25,470
March .....	...	...	156.4	615.6	162.7	87,458	...	25,739
April .....	...	...	r156.3	616.5	162.2	86,833	...	25,918
May	H r775.1	H r664.7	155.5	618.2	161.5	r87,611	H r774.6	r25,897
June .....	...	...	r155.3	r622.6	r162.4	H p88,562	...	r26,478
July	p156.3	H p627.1	H p163.4	(NA)	...	H p26,740
August
September
October
November
December

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BASIC DATA

LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

Roughly Coincident Indicators—Continued

AUGUST 1967

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Major Economic Process	FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT		PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS		MONEY AND CREDIT				
Minor Economic Process	Backlog of Investment Commitments		Comprehensive Wholesale Prices		Bank Reserves	Money Market Interest Rates			
Year and month	96. Manufacturers' unfilled orders, durable goods industries (Bil. dol.)	97. Backlog of capital appropriations, manufacturing (Bil. dol.)	55. Index of wholesale prices, industrial commodities ^(U) (1957-59=100)	58. Index of wholesale prices, manufactured goods ^(U) (1957-59=100)	93. Free reserves ^(U) (Mil. dol.)	114. Treasury bill rate ^(U) (Percent)	116. Corporate bond yields ^(U) (Percent)	115. Treasury bond yields ^(U) (Percent)	117. Municipal bond yields ^(U) (Percent)
1965		Revised ¹							
January.....	54.28	...	101.9	101.8	+106	3.83	4.45	4.14	3.06
February.....	55.09	...	101.9	101.8	+36	3.93	4.45	4.16	3.09
March.....	55.53	15.26	102.0	101.8	-75	3.94	4.49	4.15	3.18
April.....	56.37	...	102.1	102.1	-105	3.93	4.48	4.15	3.15
May.....	56.88	...	102.3	102.4	-180	3.90	4.52	4.14	3.17
June.....	57.45	16.35	102.5	103.0	-182	3.81	4.57	4.14	3.24
July.....	57.83	...	102.5	103.1	-174	3.83	4.57	4.15	3.27
August.....	58.15	...	102.7	103.2	-134	3.84	4.66	4.19	3.24
September.....	59.38	17.30	102.7	103.2	-144	3.91	4.71	4.25	3.35
October.....	60.66	...	102.8	103.4	-146	4.03	4.70	4.28	3.40
November.....	61.44	...	103.2	103.7	-83	4.08	4.75	4.34	3.46
December.....	62.53	18.38	103.2	104.1	-2	4.36	4.92	4.43	3.54
1966									
January.....	63.80	...	103.5	104.4	-44	4.60	4.93	4.43	3.52
February.....	65.11	...	103.8	104.9	-107	4.67	5.09	4.61	3.64
March.....	66.76	19.33	104.0	105.0	-246	4.63	5.33	4.63	3.72
April.....	68.25	...	104.3	105.1	-268	4.61	5.38	4.55	3.56
May.....	69.61	...	104.7	105.5	-352	4.64	5.55	4.57	3.65
June.....	71.31	20.56	104.9	105.6	-352	4.54	5.67	4.63	3.77
July.....	72.65	...	105.2	106.0	-362	4.86	5.81	4.75	3.95
August.....	73.29	...	105.2	106.4	-390	4.93	6.04	4.80	4.12
September.....	75.59	20.77	105.2	106.4	-368	5.36	6.14	4.79	4.12
October.....	76.38	...	105.3	106.3	-431	5.39	6.04	4.70	3.94
November.....	76.17	...	105.5	106.2	-222	5.34	6.11	4.74	3.86
December.....	76.42	20.72	105.5	106.2	-165	5.01	5.98	4.65	3.86
1967									
January.....	75.43	...	105.8	106.4	-16	4.76	5.53	4.40	3.54
February.....	75.13	...	106.0	106.4	-4	4.55	5.35	4.47	3.52
March.....	74.06	20.39	106.0	106.3	+236	4.29	5.55	4.45	3.55
April.....	74.02	...	106.0	106.2	+175	3.85	5.59	4.51	3.60
May.....	r74.97	...	106.0	106.3	+269	3.64	5.90	4.76	3.89
June.....	r76.14	(NA)	106.0	106.6	r+297	3.48	6.06	4.86	3.96
July.....	p76.71	...	106.0	106.8	p+272	4.31	6.06	4.86	4.02
August.....									
September.....									
October.....									
November.....									
December.....									

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LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

Lagging Indicators



Major Economic Process	EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT	FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT		INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT	
Minor Economic Process	Long-Duration Unemployment	Investment Expenditures		Inventories	
Year and month	*502. Unemployment rate, persons unemployed 15 weeks and over (Percent)	*61. Business expenditures on new plant and equipment, total (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	505. Machinery and equipment sales and business construction expenditures ¹ (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	*71. Manufacturing and trade inventories, book value (Bil. dol.)	65. Manufacturers' inventories of finished goods, book value (Bil. dol.)
1965					
January	1.1	...	60.01	112.10	22.36
February	1.2	49.00	60.66	112.42	22.43
March	1.1	...	63.24	113.66	22.51
April	1.1	...	63.12	114.39	22.29
May	1.0	50.35	62.73	115.09	22.36
June	1.1	...	62.87	115.74	22.34
July	0.9	...	64.81	116.70	22.55
August	1.0	52.75	62.89	117.71	22.53
September	1.0	...	65.27	117.91	22.61
October	0.9	...	65.74	118.43	22.66
November	0.9	55.35	67.47	119.28	22.86
December	0.9	...	69.94	120.90	23.14
1966					
January	0.8	...	70.32	121.57	23.45
February	0.8	58.00	69.74	122.54	23.62
March	0.8	...	72.67	123.63	23.81
April	0.8	...	71.34	124.70	23.84
May	0.7	60.10	70.52	126.18	24.07
June	0.6	...	72.01	127.58	24.14
July	0.6	...	73.57	128.71	24.50
August	0.6	61.25	73.39	130.04	24.67
September	0.6	...	74.39	130.84	24.88
October	0.7	...	74.18	132.39	25.08
November	0.6	▶ 62.80	73.84	133.86	25.54
December	0.6	...	74.72	135.55	26.00
1967					
January	0.6	...	▶ 70.44	136.59	26.40
February	0.6	61.65	69.50	136.78	26.67
March	0.6	...	68.85	137.09	26.83
April	0.6	...	66.79	▶ 137.35	▶ 27.13
May	▶ 0.5	a61.55	r67.59	r137.43	r27.28
June	0.6	...	p68.68	p136.97	p26.97
July	0.6	...	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
August	a62.80
September
October
November	a63.60
December

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¹Series is discontinuous because of the exclusion of data on expenditures for construction of public utilities beginning with January 1967; therefore, the high value indicated refers only to the later segment.

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BASIC DATA

LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

Lagging Indicators—Continued

 AUGUST 1967 **bcd**

Major Economic Process	PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS		MONEY AND CREDIT			
Minor Economic Process	Unit Labor Costs		Outstanding Debt		Interest Rates on Business Loans and Mortgages	
Year and month	68. Labor cost (cur. dol.) per unit of gross product (1958 dol.), nonfinancial corporations (Dollars)	*62. Index of labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing (1957-59=100)	66. Consumer installment debt (Mil. dol.)	*72. Commercial and industrial loans outstanding, weekly reporting large commercial banks (Mil. dol.)	*67. Bank rates on short-term business loans, 35 cities ^① (Percent)	118. Mortgage yields, residential ^② (Percent)
1965						
January .....	...	98.8	60,069	44,175	...	5.45
February .....	.663	98.8	60,666	45,205	...	5.45
March .....	...	98.7	61,308	46,170	4.97	5.45
April .....	...	98.6	62,053	46,793	...	5.45
May .....	.665	98.7	62,709	47,497	...	5.45
June .....	...	98.6	63,304	48,764	4.99	5.44
July .....	...	98.6	64,028	49,129	...	5.44
August .....	.665	99.0	64,684	49,840	...	5.45
September .....	...	99.7	65,370	50,478	5.00	5.46
October .....	...	100.2	65,990	50,946	...	5.49
November .....	.663	100.1	66,689	51,346	...	5.51
December .....	...	99.7	67,323	52,174	5.27	5.62
1966						
January .....	...	99.3	67,920	53,255	...	5.70
February .....	.670	99.8	68,458	53,747	...	(NA)
March .....	...	99.9	69,107	54,522	5.55	6.00
April .....	...	100.6	69,638	55,118	...	(NA)
May .....	.679	100.5	70,131	56,134	...	6.32
June .....	...	100.9	70,680	57,874	5.82	6.45
July .....	...	100.8	71,244	59,348	...	6.51
August .....	.687	101.7	71,846	58,982	...	6.58
September .....	...	102.4	72,321	59,349	6.30	6.63
October .....	...	102.5	72,701	59,879	...	(NA)
November .....	.693	103.4	73,145	60,010	...	6.81
December .....	...	103.3	73,466	59,732	▶ 6.31	▶ 6.77
1967						
January .....	...	104.8	73,746	60,754	...	6.62
February .....	.711	105.3	73,962	60,525	6.13	6.46
March .....	...	105.7	74,226	61,167	...	6.35
April .....	...	r105.4	74,439	62,407	...	6.29
May	▶ p.712	106.0	74,632	61,898	5.95	6.44
June	▶ r107.0	▶ 74,924	63,341	...	6.51
July	p106.7	(NA)	▶ p64,352	...	6.53
August
September
October
November
December

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¹Prior to 1967 data are based on 19 cities and refer to the last month of the quarter.



Major Economic Process	PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS	FOREIGN TRADE AND PAYMENTS						
Minor Economic Process	Comprehensive Retail Prices	Foreign Trade and Payments						
Year and month	81. Index of consumer prices ^(a) (1957-59 = 100)	89. Excess of receipts (+) or payments (-) in U.S. balance of payments		88. Merchandise trade balance (series 86 minus series 87) (Mil. dol.)	86. Exports, excluding military aid shipments, total (Mil. dol.)	861. Manufacturers' new orders for export, durable goods except motor vehicles and parts ^(a) (Mil. dol.)	862. Index of export orders, nonelectrical machinery (1957-59=100)	87. General imports, total (Mil. dol.)
		a. Liquidity balance basis (Mil. dol.)	b. Official settlements basis (Mil. dol.)					
1965								
January	108.9	...	...	+28.5	1,227.5	603	228	1,199.0
February	108.9	-818	-834	+16.7	1,622.7	729	235	1,606.0
March	109.0	...	...	+878.0	2,738.9	694	242	1,860.9
April	109.3	...	...	+595.0	2,406.3	720	238	1,811.3
May	109.6	+199	+239	+502.7	2,299.3	718	241	1,796.6
June	110.1	...	...	+386.5	2,234.7	899	238	1,848.2
July	110.2	...	...	+557.7	2,299.5	829	241	1,741.8
August	110.0	-457	+207	+503.6	2,328.9	785	245	1,825.3
September	110.2	...	...	+433.3	2,291.3	722	231	1,858.0
October	110.4	...	...	+464.5	2,349.3	705	228	1,884.8
November	110.6	-259	-916	+437.5	2,378.1	891	234	1,940.6
December	111.0	...	...	+451.1	2,362.2	984	233	1,911.1
1966								
January	111.0	...	...	+324.0	2,271.6	852	237	1,947.6
February	111.6	-651	-443	+366.1	2,371.2	849	201	2,005.1
March	112.0	...	...	+501.2	2,568.9	904	227	2,067.7
April	112.5	...	...	+249.9	2,358.8	749	195	2,108.9
May	112.6	-122	-175	+348.3	2,410.8	976	217	2,062.5
June	112.9	...	...	+354.4	2,489.4	1,078	217	2,135.0
July	113.3	...	...	+250.7	2,455.4	805	201	2,204.7
August	113.8	-165	+861	+339.0	2,451.6	826	199	2,112.6
September	114.1	...	...	+234.4	2,534.2	1,059	200	2,299.8
October	114.5	...	...	+319.7	2,580.7	865	240	2,261.0
November	114.6	-419	-18	+299.8	2,486.1	785	235	2,186.3
December	114.7	...	...	+184.6	2,415.8	1,200	225	2,231.2
1967								
January	114.7	...	...	+324.6	2,620.2	891	234	2,295.6
February	114.8	r-536	r-1,825	+397.1	2,601.2	833	196	2,204.1
March	115.0	...	...	+384.4	2,569.1	905	252	2,184.7
April	115.3	...	...	+435.4	2,659.4	772	215	2,224.0
May	115.6	p-513	p-830	+426.2	2,544.8	r1,029	r220	2,118.6
June	116.0	...	...	+355.3	2,583.5	p1,053	p216	2,228.2
July	116.5	+355.2	2,590.6	(NA)	(NA)	2,235.4
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								

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BASIC DATA

LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

Other Selected U.S. Series—Continued

AUGUST 1967

Major Economic Process	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES								
Minor Economic Process	Federal Government Activities								
Year and month	95. Federal surplus (+) or deficit (-), national income and product account (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	84. Federal cash surplus (+) or deficit (-) ² (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	83. Federal cash receipts from the public ¹ (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	82. Federal cash payments to the public (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	101. National defense purchases, current dollars (Ann. rate, bil. dol.)	91. Defense Department obligations, total (Mil. dol.)	90. Defense Department obligations, procurement (Mil. dol.)	99. New orders, defense products (Bil. dol.)	92. Military prime contract awards to U.S. business firms and institutions (Mil. dol.)
1965									
January.....	...	...	...	...	...	4,278	1,005	2.37	2,097
February.....	+4.5	-1.8	118.9	120.7	48.4	3,839	700	2.44	1,846
March.....	...	...	...	...	...	4,624	1,355	2.46	2,451
April.....	...	...	...	...	...	4,593	1,444	3.24	2,843
May.....	+4.9	^a +1.0	^a 130.6	129.6	49.2	4,630	1,402	2.46	2,150
June.....	...	...	...	...	...	4,520	1,254	2.58	2,390
July.....	...	...	...	...	...	4,258	1,128	2.62	2,313
August.....	-3.2	-5.8	122.6	128.4	50.3	5,223	1,741	2.81	2,775
September.....	...	...	...	...	...	5,276	1,732	3.45	2,419
October.....	...	...	...	...	...	4,962	1,733	3.28	2,790
November.....	-0.4	-9.7	122.7	132.4	52.4	4,896	1,212	2.57	2,995
December.....	...	...	...	...	...	5,669	1,882	2.53	2,988
1966									
January.....	...	...	...	...	...	5,100	1,639	3.40	2,940
February.....	+2.2	-12.9	134.7	147.6	55.1	5,179	1,736	3.04	2,850
March.....	...	...	...	...	...	5,879	1,904	3.38	2,913
April.....	...	...	...	...	...	6,444	2,109	3.30	3,359
May.....	+3.2	^a +14.7	^a 158.6	143.9	58.4	5,447	1,620	2.91	3,061
June.....	...	...	...	...	...	7,084	2,415	3.68	3,724
July.....	...	...	...	...	...	4,998	1,753	3.50	4,016
August.....	-0.7	-14.8	145.4	160.2	63.0	7,215	2,251	3.16	3,170
September.....	...	...	...	...	...	6,579	1,866	4.67	3,530
October.....	...	...	...	...	...	6,059	1,931	3.31	3,396
November.....	-3.3	-4.1	147.2	151.3	65.6	5,989	1,723	2.73	3,252
December.....	...	...	...	...	...	6,023	1,937	3.36	3,501
1967									
January.....	...	...	...	...	...	6,518	2,296	2.85	3,338
February.....	-11.9	-1.1	155.4	156.5	70.2	6,595	2,140	3.33	3,849
March.....	...	...	...	...	...	6,343	1,903	3.24	2,984
April.....	...	...	...	...	...	6,211	1,715	3.27	2,920
May.....	p-14.6	^a +12.5	^a 165.8	153.3	r72.5	7,896	2,608	r3.86	4,121
June.....	(NA)	(NA)	r4.14	3,626
July.....	p3.65	(NA)
August.....
September.....
October.....
November.....
December.....

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¹Beginning with 2d quarter 1966, data reflect graduated withholding of personal income taxes and change in schedule for depositing withheld and OASI taxes.

²Reflects accelerated corporate tax payments.



Major Economic Process	UNCLASSIFIED INDICATORS							
Minor Economic Process	Unclassified Indicators							
Year and month	850. Ratio, output to capacity, manufacturing (Percent)	851. Ratio, inventories to sales, manufacturing and trade (Ratio)	852. Ratio, unfilled orders to shipments, manufacturers' durable goods (Ratio)	853. Ratio, production of business equipment to consumer goods (1957-59:100)	854. Ratio, personal saving to disposable personal income (Ratio)	855. Ratio, nonagricultural job openings unfilled to persons unemployed (Ratio)	856. Ratio, average earnings of production workers in manufacturing to consumer prices (1957-59:100)	857. Vacancy rate in total rental housing (Percent)
1965								
January .....	...	1.46	3.01	107.1	...	0.076	111.7	...
February	88.5	1.47	3.07	108.0	0.054	0.072	112.6	7.7
March .....	...	1.44	2.98	107.4	...	0.077	112.4	...
April .....	...	1.46	3.04	109.2	...	0.078	112.4	...
May	88.4	1.46	3.13	110.8	0.052	0.084	112.6	7.6
June .....	...	1.47	3.15	111.0	...	0.081	112.4	...
July .....	...	1.44	3.02	112.4	...	0.085	112.8	...
August	88.5	1.48	3.12	112.5	0.064	0.096	112.7	7.2
September .....	...	1.48	3.23	112.5	...	0.104	113.2	...
October .....	...	1.47	3.28	115.4	...	0.111	113.2	...
November	88.6	1.45	3.23	116.4	0.060	0.118	113.5	7.6
December .....	...	1.45	3.16	117.3	...	0.126	113.0	...
1966								
January .....	...	1.43	3.21	118.9	...	0.133	113.4	...
February	90.6	1.45	3.28	119.1	0.053	0.145	113.3	7.5
March .....	...	1.42	3.25	120.0	...	0.150	113.2	...
April .....	...	1.46	3.37	120.2	...	0.154	113.5	...
May	90.9	1.48	3.40	122.0	0.057	0.147	113.4	6.9
June .....	...	1.47	3.50	122.4	...	0.143	113.7	...
July .....	...	1.48	3.49	124.7	...	0.144	113.8	...
August	90.6	1.49	3.54	125.4	0.057	0.145	113.8	6.8
September .....	...	1.51	3.64	126.8	...	0.154	113.9	...
October .....	...	1.52	3.67	125.8	...	0.150	114.1	...
November	89.8	1.54	3.67	126.0	0.066	0.154	114.0	6.9
December .....	...	1.54	3.62	127.0	...	0.141	113.9	...
1967								
January .....	...	1.56	3.64	126.8	...	0.139	114.3	...
February	87.0	1.58	3.68	128.5	0.073	0.130	114.7	6.5
March .....	...	1.57	3.58	126.3	...	0.131	114.8	...
April .....	...	1.58	3.73	r125.3	...	0.125	114.9	...
May	p84.7	1.57	r3.69	r124.9	r0.067	0.121	114.9	6.4
June	p1.55	r3.74	r123.4	...	0.112	114.8	...
July	(NA)	p3.69	p124.4	...	p0.112	p114.8	...
August
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BASIC DATA

LATEST DATA FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

International Comparisons

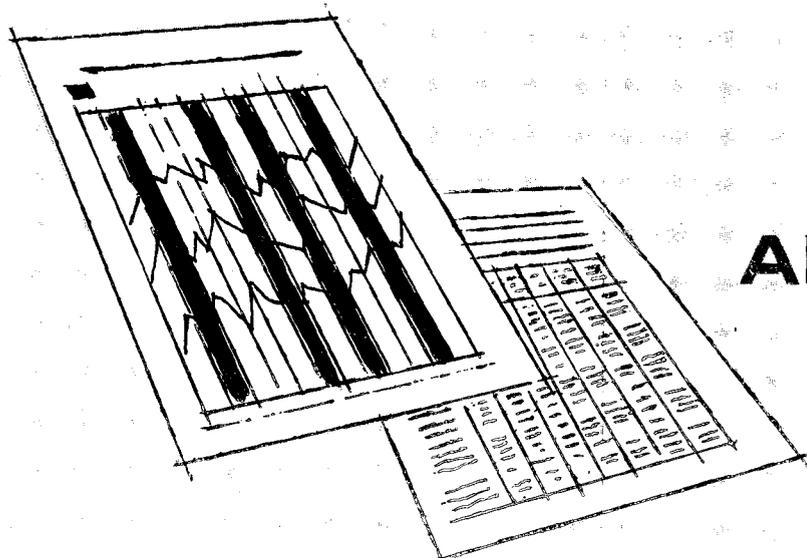
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Major Economic Process	INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES							
Minor Economic Process	Industrial Production Indexes							
Year and month	47. United States, index of industrial production (1957-59=100)	123. Canada, index of industrial production (1957-59=100)	122. United Kingdom, index of industrial production (1957-59=100)	121. OECD, ¹ European countries, index of industrial production (1957-59=100)	125. West Germany, index of industrial production (1957-59=100)	126. France, index of industrial production (1957-59=100)	127. Italy, index of industrial production (1957-59=100)	128. Japan, index of industrial production (1957-59=100)
1965								
January	139	147	130	146	156	137	166	239
February	140	147	129	146	155	139	169	239
March	141	150	128	144	149	139	166	244
April	141	149	128	146	154	140	169	241
May	142	150	129	148	154	139	175	238
June	143	150	128	148	155	142	176	244
July	144	152	130	148	151	144	178	243
August	145	154	129	148	153	144	176	240
September	144	155	128	149	155	144	178	247
October	146	156	130	150	156	147	179	241
November	147	158	130	150	154	147	184	244
December	149	160	131	151	154	150	183	246
1966								
January	151	161	132	152	157	147	186	252
February	152	163	131	152	156	150	188	251
March	154	163	134	154	160	151	191	257
April	154	164	132	153	158	150	188	261
May	155	163	130	153	157	150	196	265
June	156	163	130	154	160	153	195	267
July	157	163	132	153	157	154	195	273
August	158	164	131	152	154	154	195	277
September	158	166	130	154	155	156	203	279
October	159	167	129	153	154	r154	201	285
November	159	168	128	152	153	156	201	291
December	159	167	129	153	151	156	205	299
1967								
January	158	166	129	153	150	156	205	301
February	156	166	129	153	149	154	210	300
March	156	r166	129	153	150	156	208	309
April	156	168	129	153	r149	153	210	313
May	156	p167	p128	p152	149	152	p214	314
June	155	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	p148	p156	(NA)	(NA)
July	p156				(NA)	(NA)		
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								

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¹Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.



ANALYTICAL MEASURES

charts and tables

DISTRIBUTION OF 'HIGHS' FOR CURRENT AND COMPARATIVE PERIODS

DIFFUSION INDEXES BASED ON HUNDREDS OF COMPONENTS

Average workweek—21 industries

New orders—36 industries

Capital appropriations—17 industries

Profits—700 companies

Stock prices—77 industries

Industrial materials prices—13 materials

State unemployment claims—47 areas

Nonagricultural employment—30 industries

Production—24 industries

Wholesale prices—22 industries

Retail sales—23 types of stores

Net sales—800 companies

New orders—400 companies

Carloadings—19 commodity groups

Plant and equipment expenditures—18 industries

DIRECTIONS OF CHANGE FOR COMPONENTS OF DIFFUSION INDEXES

Table 3



ANALYTICAL MEASURES

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DISTRIBUTION OF "HIGHS" FOR CURRENT AND COMPARATIVE PERIODS

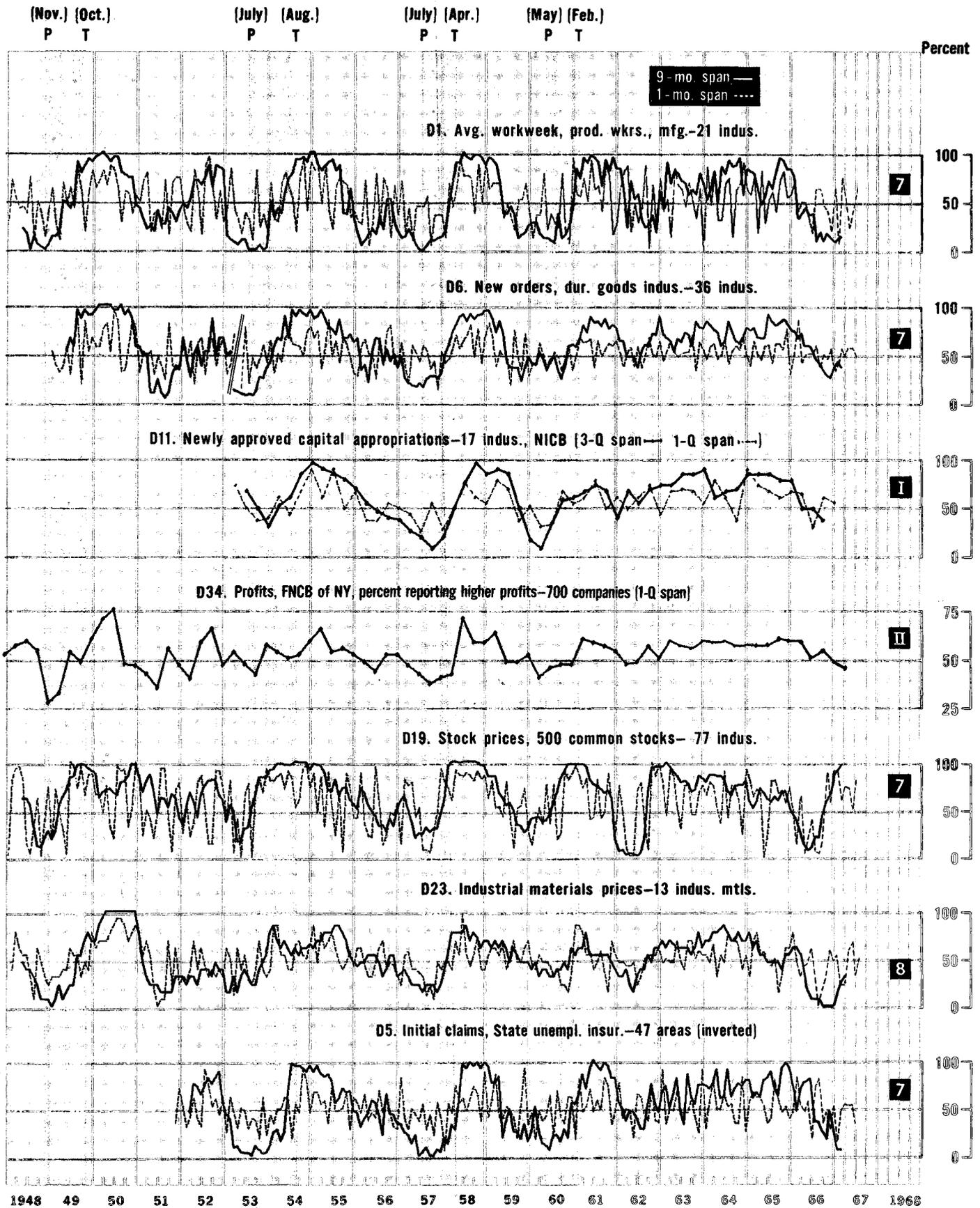
Number of months before benchmark date that high was reached	Number of series that reached a high before benchmark dates—							
	Current expansion				Business cycle peak			
	April 1967	May 1967	June 1967	July 1967	Nov. 1948	July 1953	July 1957	May 1960
	LEADING INDICATORS							
8 months or more	21	25	26	18	19	14	28	24
7 months	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	1
6 months	2	...	1	...	...	5	...	1
5 months .....	...	1	...	...	4	1	...	1
4 months	1	...	...	2	...	2	1	2
3 months .....	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...
2 months .....	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...
1 month	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Benchmark month .....	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Number of series used	30	30	30	21	24	26	29	29
Percent of series high on benchmark date	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	0
	ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS							
8 months or more	2	5	7	8	5	2	4	3
7 months	3	3	1	1	...	...	2	1
6 months	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	1
5 months	1	3	2	1	...	1	3	1
4 months	3	2	1	...	3	4	4	5
3 months	2	3	...	...	3	1	...	3
2 months	3	1	...	...	2	...	...	...
1 month	1	1	...	...	3	7	4	4
Benchmark month	3	2	8	10	2	3	4	3
Number of series used	21	21	21	20	18	18	21	21
Percent of series high on benchmark date	14	10	38	50	11	17	19	14
Number of months before benchmark date that high was reached	3d month before business cycle peak				6th month before business cycle peak			
	Aug. 1948	Apr. 1953	Apr. 1957	Feb. 1960	May 1948	Jan. 1953	Jan. 1957	Nov. 1959
	LEADING INDICATORS							
8 months or more	17	7	25	18	11	3	22	8
7 months	1	5	...	4	2	2	...	7
6 months .....	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	2
5 months	1	3	2	1	5	1	2	4
4 months .....	...	1	...	1	1	5	...	4
3 months .....	...	5	...	1	...	1	1	1
2 months	4	1	...	1	1	4	2	1
1 month .....	...	2	1	2	...	2	...	1
Benchmark month	1	2	...	...	3	7	1	1
Number of series used	24	26	29	29	24	26	29	29
Percent of series high on benchmark date	4	8	0	0	12	27	3	3
	ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS							
8 months or more	2	...	3	2	2	1	4	...
7 months	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
6 months	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	2
5 months	2	2	1	1	1	...	...	6
4 months .....	...	...	5	1	1	...	...	3
3 months .....	...	...	...	1	2	1	2	1
2 months .....	...	1	5	1	3	2	1	3
1 month	4	6	4	5	3	4	10	2
Benchmark month	8	8	2	8	6	10	4	4
Number of series used	18	18	21	21	18	18	21	21
Percent of series high on benchmark date	44	44	10	38	33	56	19	19

NOTE: All quarterly series are omitted from the distribution. The number of series included varies because some series are not available for all cycles and because those series which reached a peak during the Korean War are omitted from the 1953 distribution.

ANALYTICAL MEASURES

DIFFUSION INDEXES FROM 1948 to PRESENT

Leading Indexes

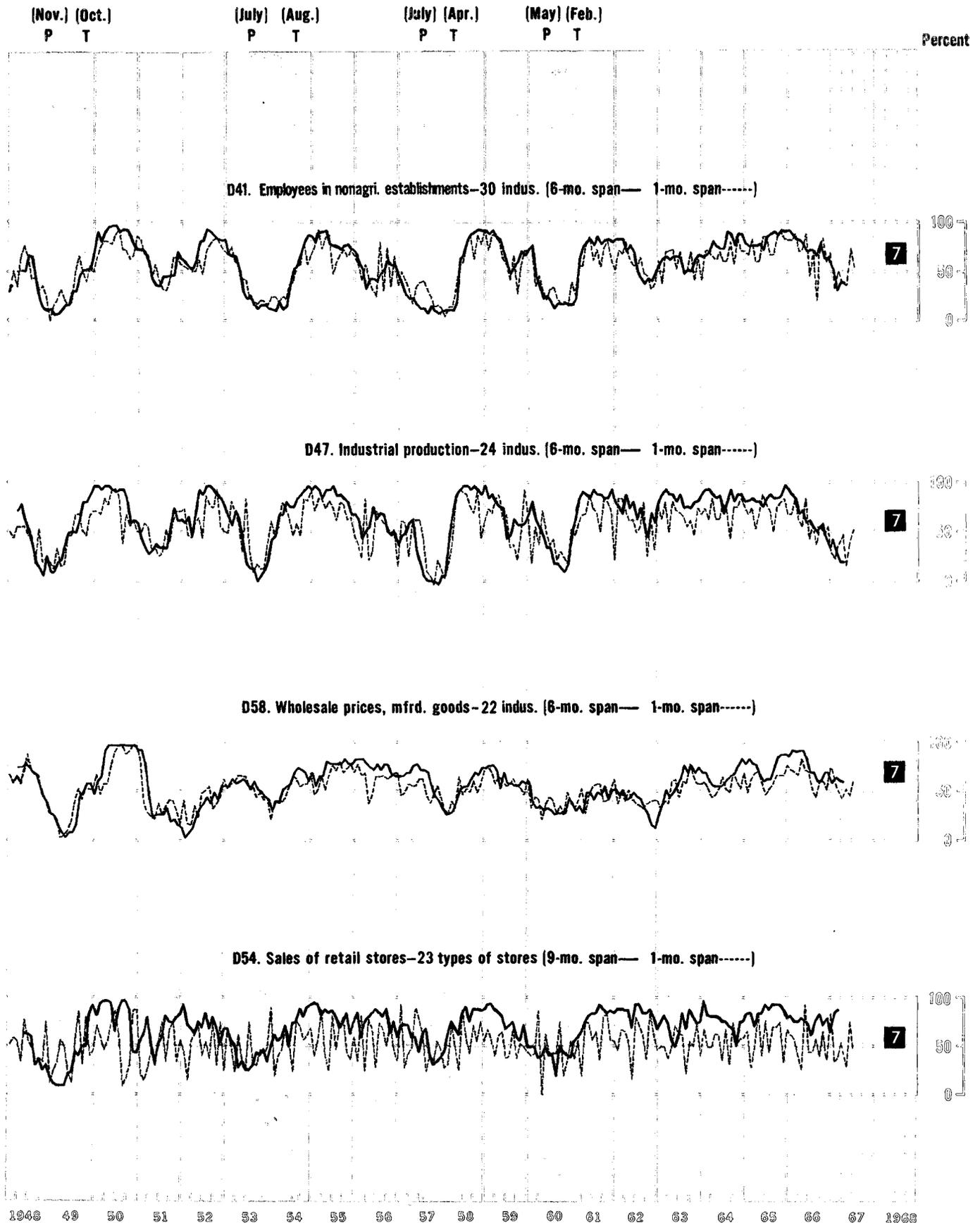


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DIFFUSION INDEXES FROM 1948 to PRESENT—Continued
Roughly Coincident Indexes

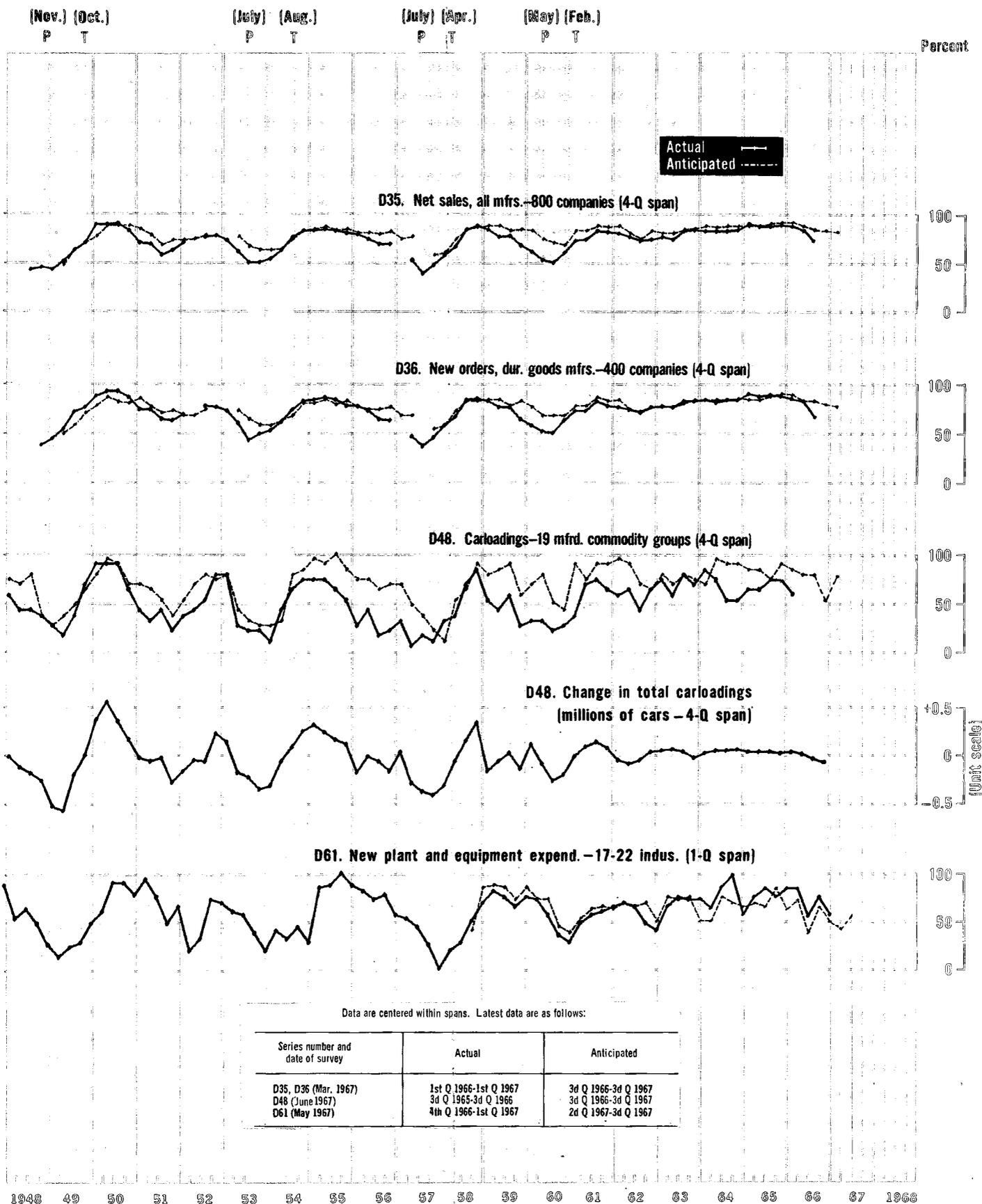
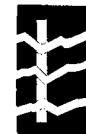


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ANALYTICAL MEASURES

DIFFUSION INDEXES FROM 1948 to PRESENT—Continued

Actual and Anticipated Indexes



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LATEST DATA FOR DIFFUSION INDEXES

Leading Indexes

Year and month	D1. Average workweek, manufacturing (21 industries)		D6. Value of manufacturers' new orders, durable goods industries (36 industries)		D11. Newly approved capital appropriations, NICB (17 industries)	
	1-month span	9-month span	1-month span	9-month span	1-quarter span	3-quarter span
1965					Revised ¹	Revised ¹
January	61.9	83.3	48.6	77.8	88	82
February	57.1	81.0	38.9	75.0	...	...
March	76.2	78.6	63.9	77.8	...	...
April	19.0	61.9	50.0	68.1	71	82
May	81.0	47.6	44.4	66.7	...	...
June	28.6	54.8	58.3	68.1	...	...
July	52.4	71.4	59.7	91.7	65	82
August	59.5	64.3	41.7	83.3	...	...
September	40.5	81.0	61.1	80.6	...	...
October	71.4	95.2	61.1	81.9	59	76
November	81.0	92.9	55.6	86.1	...	...
December	54.8	83.3	76.4	83.3	...	...
1966						
January	57.1	83.3	30.6	75.0	65	76
February	69.0	76.2	50.0	75.0	...	...
March	40.5	31.0	84.7	66.7	...	...
April	50.0	35.7	41.7	72.2	62	47
May	50.0	45.2	50.0	58.3	...	...
June	33.3	35.7	51.4	59.7	...	...
July	21.4	38.1	50.0	55.6	29	47
August	61.9	9.5	59.7	44.4	...	...
September	64.3	19.0	37.5	41.7	...	...
October	45.2	9.5	50.0	36.1	59	35
November	40.5	19.0	44.4	31.9	...	...
December	19.0	14.3	55.6	27.8	...	...
1967						
January	69.0	9.5	31.9	r38.9	53	(NA)
February	7.1	r11.9	38.9	r44.4	...	...
March	76.2	p14.3	55.6	p37.5	...	...
April	50.0		50.0		(NA)	
May	r21.4		r58.3			
June	r45.2		r58.3			
July	p66.7		p48.6			
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						

NOTE: Figures are the percent of series components rising and are centered within spans: 1-month indexes are placed on latest month and 9-month indexes are placed on the 6th month of span; 1-quarter indexes are placed on the 1st month of the 2d quarter and 3-quarter indexes are placed on the 1st month of the 3d quarter. Seasonally adjusted components are used. Table 5 identifies the components for most of the indexes shown. The "r" indicates revised; "p", preliminary; and "NA", not available.

¹See "New Features and Changes for This Issue," page v.

ANALYTICAL MEASURES
LATEST DATA FOR DIFFUSION INDEXES—Continued



Leading Indexes—Continued

Year and month	D34. Profits, manufacturing, FNCB (about 1,000 corporations)	D19. Index of stock prices, 500 common stocks (77 industries) Ⓢ		D23. Index of industrial materials prices (13 industrial materials)		D5. Initial claims for unemployment insurance, State programs, week including the 12th (47 areas)	
	1-quarter span	1-month span	9-month span	1-month span	9-month span	1-month span	9-month span
1965							
January	57	92.2	80.5	53.8	69.2	24.5	78.7
February .....	...	81.8	58.4	30.8	76.9	57.4	78.7
March .....	...	64.3	51.9	69.2	61.5	66.0	59.6
April	56	70.8	58.4	76.9	69.2	61.7	66.0
May .....	...	66.9	72.7	53.8	53.8	59.6	61.7
June .....	...	0.0	67.5	57.7	53.8	51.1	78.7
July	57	24.7	61.0	46.2	46.2	34.0	80.9
August .....	...	79.9	59.1	42.3	46.2	38.3	87.2
September .....	...	81.2	63.6	50.0	46.2	78.7	70.2
October	60	66.9	60.4	15.4	46.2	57.4	62.8
November .....	...	70.1	67.5	34.6	38.5	44.7	91.5
December .....	...	57.1	70.1	61.5	53.8	51.1	95.7
1966							
January	59	74.0	51.9	61.5	53.8	38.3	91.5
February .....	...	48.7	43.5	76.9	61.5	44.7	74.5
March .....	...	14.3	37.7	46.2	61.5	83.0	44.7
April	59	63.6	22.1	30.8	53.8	53.2	68.1
May .....	...	3.9	11.7	42.3	30.8	45.7	76.6
June .....	...	23.4	6.5	46.2	15.4	57.4	78.7
July	50	38.3	9.7	61.5	7.7	17.0	80.9
August .....	...	6.5	22.1	26.9	7.7	72.3	34.0
September .....	...	3.9	20.1	0.0	7.7	80.9	34.0
October	54	25.3	47.4	19.2	0.0	36.2	23.4
November .....	...	88.3	58.4	30.8	0.0	46.8	17.0
December .....	...	59.7	66.2	57.7	0.0	27.7	46.8
1967							
January	48	90.9	85.7	46.2	0.0	55.3	27.7
February .....	...	92.2	90.3	53.8	15.4	17.0	8.5
March .....	...	61.0	¹ 97.4	23.1	26.9	46.8	8.5
April	45	76.0		23.1	² 30.8	55.3	
May .....	...	74.0		61.5		54.3	
June .....	...	51.3		69.2		55.3	
July		¹ 81.6		30.8		34.0	
August				² 53.8			
September							
October							
November							
December							

NOTE: Figures are the percent of series components rising and are centered within spans; 1-month indexes are placed on latest month and 9-month indexes are placed on the 6th month of span; 1-quarter indexes are placed on the 1st month of the 2nd quarter. Seasonally adjusted components are used except in index D19 which requires no adjustment and index D34 which is adjusted only for the index. Table 5 identifies the components for most of the indexes shown. The "r" indicates revised; "p", preliminary; and "NA", not available. Unadjusted series are indicated by Ⓢ.

¹Based on 76 components.

²Average for August 17, 18, and 21.



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LATEST DATA FOR DIFFUSION INDEXES—Continued

Roughly Coincident Indexes

Year and month	D41. Number of employees in nonagricultural establishments (30 industries)		D47. Index of industrial production (24 industries)		D58. Index of wholesale prices (22 manufacturing industries) [Ⓢ]		D54. Sales of retail stores (23 types of stores)	
	1-month span	6-month span	1-month span	6-month span	1-month span	6-month span	1-month span	9-month span
1965								
January.....	73.3	81.7	79.2	83.3	72.7	81.8	63.0	80.4
February.....	70.0	78.3	70.8	85.4	52.3	86.4	65.2	87.0
March.....	86.7	80.0	77.1	87.5	65.9	81.8	30.4	87.0
April.....	63.3	80.0	56.2	83.3	72.7	79.5	54.3	73.9
May.....	63.3	81.7	70.8	83.3	75.0	70.5	87.0	87.0
June.....	88.3	75.0	91.7	79.2	61.4	63.6	43.5	87.0
July.....	88.3	88.3	81.2	87.5	50.0	65.9	80.4	95.7
August.....	70.0	91.7	75.0	91.7	56.8	65.9	47.8	91.3
September.....	71.7	93.3	54.2	87.5	61.4	77.3	73.9	95.7
October.....	88.3	90.0	79.2	87.5	70.5	88.6	78.3	95.7
November.....	93.3	95.0	83.3	89.6	70.5	90.9	78.3	95.7
December.....	86.7	93.3	87.5	100.0	70.5	90.9	37.0	91.3
1966								
January.....	85.0	95.0	70.8	95.8	79.5	88.6	76.1	82.6
February.....	85.0	91.7	70.8	91.7	75.0	95.5	65.2	84.8
March.....	91.7	86.7	87.5	87.5	72.7	93.2	60.9	78.3
April.....	73.3	85.0	64.6	70.8	70.5	95.5	43.5	78.3
May.....	76.7	81.7	58.3	75.0	86.4	95.5	30.4	82.6
June.....	91.7	73.3	87.5	62.5	75.0	86.4	95.7	78.3
July.....	48.3	75.0	45.8	64.6	72.7	72.7	47.8	76.1
August.....	73.3	75.0	60.4	58.3	54.5	72.7	47.8	65.2
September.....	23.3	71.7	39.6	52.1	47.7	63.6	60.9	82.6
October.....	75.0	83.3	60.4	62.5	63.6	63.6	43.5	87.0
November.....	88.3	70.0	50.0	47.9	63.6	72.7	69.6	78.3
December.....	63.3	68.3	58.3	37.5	54.5	72.7	41.3	82.6
1967								
January.....	73.3	53.3	33.3	45.8	77.3	63.6	87.0	r69.6
February.....	36.7	35.0	27.1	r29.2	72.7	68.2	39.1	r89.1
March.....	51.7	r43.3	39.6	20.8	56.8	65.9	43.5	p91.3
April.....	41.7	p41.7	r47.9	p20.8	47.7	63.6	60.9	
May.....	40.0		r18.8		56.8		r34.8	
June.....	r78.3		41.7		50.0		r78.3	
July.....	p58.3		p54.2		63.6		p52.2	
August.....								
September.....								
October.....								
November.....								
December.....								

NOTE: Figures are the percent of series components rising and are centered within spans: 1-month indexes are placed on latest month, 6-month indexes are placed on the 4th month, and 9-month indexes are placed on the 6th month of span. Seasonally adjusted components are used except in index D58 which requires no adjustment. Table 5 identifies the components for the indexes shown. The "r" indicates revised; "p", preliminary; and "NA", not available. Unadjusted series are indicated by [Ⓢ].

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LATEST DATA FOR DIFFUSION INDEXES—Continued



Actual and Anticipated Indexes

Year and month	D35. Net sales, manufactures (800 companies) ①		D36. New orders, durable manufactures (400 companies) ①		D48. Freight carloadings (19 manufactured commodity groups) ①			D61. New plant and equipment expenditures (18 industries)	
	4-quarter span		4-quarter span		4-quarter span			1-quarter span	
	Actual	Anticipated	Actual	Anticipated	Actual	Anticipated	Change in total (000)	Actual	Anticipated
1965									
January .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56.2	65.6
February	90	88	90	84	63.2	84.2	+25	...	...
March .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75.0	68.8
May	88	88	88	84	63.2	84.2	+20	...	...
June .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83.3	65.6
August	88	90	89	87	73.7	73.7	+28	...	...
September .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
October .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75.0	84.4
November	89	91	88	90	73.7	89.5	+18	...	...
December .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1966									
January .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83.3	62.5
February	87	91	85	89	57.9	84.2	+20	...	...
March .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83.3	71.9
May	84	88	82	83	(NA)	78.9	+1	...	...
June .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55.6	37.5
August	72	84	68	82	...	78.9	-50	...	...
September .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
October .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75.0	65.6
November	(NA)	84	(NA)	80	...	52.6	-91	...	...
December .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1967									
January .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55.6	50.0
February .....	...	82	...	78	...	78.9	...	...	...
March .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(NA)	41.7
May .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
June .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
July .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58.3
August .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
October .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
November .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
December .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

NOTE: Figures are the percent of series components rising and are centered within spans: 4-quarter indexes are centered in the middle quarter; 1-quarter indexes are placed in the 1st month of the 2d quarter. Seasonally adjusted components are used for series D61. The "r" indicates revised; "p", preliminary; and "NA", not available. Unadjusted series are indicated by ①.



ANALYTICAL MEASURES

SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS

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Basic Data and Direction of Change

Diffusion index components	1966		1967						
	December	January	February	March	April	May ^r	June	July ^p	
D1. AVERAGE WORKWEEK OF PRODUCTION WORKERS, MANUFACTURING¹ (Average weekly hours)									
All manufacturing industries	- 40.9 +	41.0 -	40.3 +	40.4 +	40.5 -	40.4 -	40.2 +	40.3	
Percent rising of 21 components	(19)	(69)	(7)	(76)	(50)	(21)	(45)	(67)	
Durable goods industries:									
Ordnance and accessories	- 42.1 o	42.1 -	41.5 +	41.7 -	41.5 +	42.0 -	r41.2 +	42.7	
Lumber and wood products	- 40.2 +	40.3 o	40.3 +	40.6 o	40.6 -	40.1 o	40.1 -	40.0	
Furniture and fixtures	- 40.5 +	40.8 -	40.1 o	40.1 +	40.2 -	40.1 +	r40.2 -	40.0	
Stone, clay, and glass products	+ 42.4 -	42.1 -	41.5 +	41.6 -	41.3 -	41.0 +	41.1 -	40.8	
Primary metal industries	- 41.5 +	41.8 -	40.8 -	40.7 -	40.0 +	40.6 o	r40.6 +	40.6	
Fabricated metal products	o 42.2 +	42.3 -	41.4 o	41.4 o	41.4 -	41.3 -	41.1 +	41.3	
Machinery, except electrical	- 43.6 o	43.6 -	42.9 +	43.0 -	42.7 -	42.2 -	r41.9 +	42.3	
Electrical machinery	- 40.6 +	40.8 -	39.9 +	40.0 -	39.8 +	39.9 +	r40.0 +	40.6	
Transportation equipment	- 41.5 +	41.7 -	40.7 o	40.7 +	40.9 +	41.5 -	r41.3 +	41.4	
Instruments and related products	+ 41.8 -	41.7 -	40.9 +	41.5 -	41.2 -	41.1 -	40.9 +	41.0	
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	- 39.7 +	40.0 -	38.7 +	39.2 +	39.6 -	39.5 -	r39.4 +	39.6	
Non-durable goods industries:									
Food and kindred products	- 41.0 +	41.2 -	41.0 +	41.1 -	40.8 -	40.6 +	r40.7 -	40.6	
Tobacco manufactures	+ 39.2 -	38.6 -	37.5 +	38.5 +	39.7 -	38.3 +	r39.0 -	38.4	
Textile mill products	- 40.8 +	41.0 -	40.1 +	40.3 +	40.6 -	40.5 -	r40.3 +	40.4	
Apparel and related products	o 36.5 +	36.7 -	35.6 -	35.5 +	36.2 -	35.9 -	r35.6 +	35.9	
Paper and allied products	- 43.0 +	43.2 -	42.7 +	42.8 -	42.7 -	42.6 -	r42.5 +	42.6	
Printing and publishing	- 38.6 +	38.9 -	38.5 o	38.5 +	38.7 -	38.2 +	r38.4 o	38.4	
Chemicals and allied products	- 42.0 -	41.8 -	41.4 +	41.7 o	41.7 -	41.2 +	r41.3 +	41.4	
Petroleum and related products	- 42.4 -	41.8 +	42.8 +	43.1 -	42.9 -	42.7 -	r42.5 +	42.6	
Rubber and plastic products	- 41.4 o	41.4 -	40.7 +	41.0 +	41.2 -	40.8 +	r41.0 -	40.3	
Leather and leather products	- 38.0 +	38.4 -	37.1 -	36.9 +	37.8 o	37.8 o	r37.8 +	38.0	

D6. VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS, DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES¹

(Millions of dollars)

All durable goods industries	+ 23,960 -	22,072 +	22,329 -	22,065 +	22,226 +	23,857 +	r24,194 -	23,779
Percent rising of 36 components	(56)	(32)	(39)	(56)	(50)	(58)	(58)	(49)
Primary metals	- 3,677	3,315	3,427	3,013	3,236	3,606	r3,614	3,701
Blast furnaces, steel mills	- 1,737	1,495	1,805	1,434	1,701	2,020	p1,891	(NA)
Nonferrous metals .....	+ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iron and steel foundries .....	+ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other primary metals .....	+ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fabricated metal products	- 2,403	2,049	2,224	2,247	2,136	2,106	p2,045	(NA)
Metal cans, barrels, and drums .....	+ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hardware, structural metal and wire products .....	+ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other fabricated metal products .....	- .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Machinery, except electrical	- 3,582	3,391	3,266	3,351	3,429	3,497	p3,587	(NA)
Steam engines and turbines*	+ } 343	- } 214	+ } 296	- } 291	+ } 309	- } 404	+ } p418	- } (NA)
Internal combustion engines* .....	+ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Farm machinery and equipment .....	+ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Construction, mining, and material handling*	- 580	568	546	586	612	633	p581	(NA)
Metalworking machinery*	- 250	144	210	218	239	197	p221	(NA)
Miscellaneous equipment* .....	- .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Machine shops .....	- .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Special industry machinery* .....	+ .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
General industrial machinery*	+ 263	329	252	267	315	251	p274	(NA)
Office and store machines*	+
Service industry machinery*	+

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*Denotes machinery and equipment industries that comprise series 24.

¹Data are seasonally adjusted by source agency.



SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

Basic Data and Direction of Change—Continued

Diffusion index components	1966		1967					
	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
D6. VALUE OF MANUFACTURERS' NEW ORDERS, DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES¹—Continued (Millions of dollars)								
Electrical machinery.....	3,358	3,552	3,362	3,273	3,196	r3,250	p3,474	(NA)
Electrical transmission, distr. equipment*.....	+ 750	+ 833	- 724	+ 683	- 714	- r779	+ p887	(NA)
Electrical industrial apparatus*.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household appliances.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Radio and TV.....	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Communication equipment†.....	- 675	+ 703	- 793	- 781	- 705	+ r773	+ p708	(NA)
Electronic components.....	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Other electrical machinery*.....	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
Transportation equipment.....	6,540	5,577	5,799	5,911	6,140	r7,209	r7,318	p6,771
Motor vehicle parts.....	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Motor vehicle assembly operations.....	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
Complete aircraft†.....	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Aircraft parts†.....	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+
Shipbuilding and railroad equipment*.....	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Other transportation equipment.....	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
Instruments, total.....	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+
Lumber, total.....	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
Furniture, total.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stone, clay, and glass, total.....	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-
Other durable goods, total.....	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-

D19. INDEX OF STOCK PRICES, 500 COMMON STOCKS²
(1941-43 = 10)

Index of 500 stock prices.....	+ 81.33	+ 84.45	+ 87.36	+ 89.42	+ 90.96	+ 92.59	- 91.43	+ 93.01
Percent rising of 77 components.....	(60)	(91)	(92)	(61)	(76)	(74)	(51)	^a (82)
Coal, bituminous.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Food composite.....	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Tobacco (cigarette manufacturers).....	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	...
Textile products.....	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	...
Paper.....	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	...
Publishing.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	...
Chemicals.....	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	...
Drugs.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Oil composite.....	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	...
Building materials composite.....	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	...
Steel.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Metal fabricating.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Machinery composite.....	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Office and business equipment.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Electric household appliances.....	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Electronics.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Automobiles.....	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	...
Radio and television broadcasters.....	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	...
Telephone companies.....	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	...
Electric companies.....	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	...
Natural gas distributors.....	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	...
Retail stores composite.....	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	...
Life insurance.....	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	...

NOTE: To facilitate interpretation, the month-to-month directions of change are shown along with the numbers: (+) = rising, (o) = unchanged, and (-) = falling. Only the directions of change are shown when numbers are held confidential by the source agency. NA = not available. p = preliminary. r = revised.

*Denotes machinery and equipment industries that comprise series 24. † These industries plus ordnance comprise series 99.

¹Data are seasonally adjusted by the source agency.

²Data are not seasonally adjusted. The components shown here include 18 of the more important industries and 5 composites representing an additional 23 of the industries used in computing the diffusion index in table 4.

^aBased on 76 components.



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SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

Basic Data and Direction of Change—Continued

Diffusion index components	1966		1967															
	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August ¹									
D23. INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES²																		
Industrial materials price index (1957-59=100).....	-	105.8	+	106.8	-	105.2	-	102.5	-	100.1	-	r99.6	+	99.8	-	98.3	-	97.9
(Dollars)																		
Percent rising of 13 components		(58)		(46)		(54)		(23)		(23)		(62)		(69)		(31)		(54)
Copper scrap (lb.).....	-	.469	+	.500	-	.459	-	.398	-	.343	+	.371	-	.368	-	.366	+	.387
Lead scrap (lb.).....	+	.063	-	.062	+	.064	-	.062	+	.063	+	.064	+	.065	+	.065	-	.064
Steel scrap (ton).....	-	28.882	-	26.316	+	27.603	+	29.301	-	26.812	+	28.261	+	29.016	-	27.451	-	26.820
Tin (lb.).....	+	1.528	+	1.547	+	1.580	+	1.610	-	1.569	+	1.528	+	1.557	-	1.550	-	1.525
Zinc (lb.).....	-	.148	+	.149	+	.150	+	.151	-	.150	-	.142	-	.142	-	.141	+	.141
Burlap (yd.).....	+	.143	+	.147	+	.150	-	.150	-	.146	-	.141	+	.145	+	.145	-	.140
Cotton (lb.), 15-market average.....	o	.221	-	.221	-	.220	-	.218	-	.218	-	.217	+	.219	+	.223	+	.231
Print cloth (yd.), average.....	-	.208	-	.201	+	.202	-	.197	-	.192	+	.193	+	.194	-	.193	+	.193
Wool tops (lb.).....	-	1.633	-	1.624	+	1.628	-	1.601	+	1.605	+	1.663	+	1.677	-	1.646	-	1.615
Hides (lb.).....	+	.180	+	.211	-	.202	-	.177	-	.159	-	.157	+	.166	-	.152	+	.153
Rosin (100 lb.).....	+	10.905	+	10.938	-	10.828	-	10.732	-	10.669	+	10.753	+	10.721	+	10.872	+	10.971
Rubber (lb.).....	+	.223	+	.219	-	.209	-	.204	-	.201	+	.201	+	.214	-	.209	-	.194
Tallow (lb.).....	+	.061	-	.061	-	.056	-	.050	+	.051	+	.052	-	.051	-	.050	+	.052

D5. INITIAL CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, STATE PROGRAMS³
(Thousands)

	-	212	+	203	-	242	-	256	-	263	+	234	+	225	-	265
Percent rising of 47 components		(28)		(55)		(17)		(47)		(55)		(54)		(55)		(34)
Avg. weekly initial claims ...																
Percent rising of 47 components																
Northeast region:																
Boston (6).....	+	...	+	...	-	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...
Buffalo (20).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Newark (11).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
New York (1).....	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Paterson (22).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Philadelphia (4).....	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Pittsburgh (9).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...
Providence (25).....	-	...	-	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	-	...
North Central region:																
Chicago (2).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	-	...	-	...	+	...	-	...	-	...
Cincinnati (21).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Cleveland (10).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Columbus (26).....	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Detroit (5).....	-	...	-	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	-	...	-	...
Indianapolis (23).....	+	...	-	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Kansas City (19).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...
Milwaukee (16).....	-	...	-	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	-	...	+	...
Minneapolis (13).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	-	...	-	...
St. Louis (8).....	+	...	-	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	-	...
South region:																
Atlanta (18).....	-	...	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...
Baltimore (12).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	-	...
Dallas (15).....	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	-	...
Houston (14).....	-	...	-	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...
West region:																
Los Angeles (3).....	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	-	...	+	...	-	...	-	...
Portland (24).....	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...
San Francisco (7).....	+	...	+	...	+	...	-	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	+	...
Seattle (17).....	-	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	+	...	+	...

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¹Average for August 17, 18, and 21.

²Series components are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of the Census. The industrial materials price index is not seasonally adjusted. Directions of change are computed before figures are rounded.

³The signs are reversed because this series usually rises when general business activity falls and falls when business rises: (-) = rising, (o) = unchanged, and (+) = falling. Series components are seasonally adjusted by the Bureau of the Census before the direction of change is determined. Data used are for the week including the 12th of the month. Directions of change are shown separately for only the 26 largest labor market areas. The number following the area designation indicates its size rank.



SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

Basic Data and Direction of Change—Continued

Diffusion index components	1966		1967						
	December	January	February	March	April	May ^r	June	July ^p	

D41. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN NONAGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS¹
(Thousands of employees)

All nonagricultural establishments.....	+	65,076	+	65,381	+	65,497	+	65,600	-	65,476	-	65,428	+	r65,687	+	65,882
Percent rising of 30 components		(63)		(73)		(37)		(52)		(42)		(40)		(78)		(58)
Ordnance and accessories	+	133	+	136	+	141	+	144	-	143	+	144	+	r147	-	146
Lumber and wood products	-	529	+	539	-	537	+	538	-	524	-	515	+	r522	-	516
Furniture and fixtures	-	384	-	381	-	379	-	375	-	370	+	371	-	r367	-	365
Stone, clay, and glass products	+	511	+	515	-	507	-	509	-	497	-	490	+	r493	-	491
Primary metal industries	+	1,092	-	1,090	-	1,071	-	1,052	-	1,029	-	1,024	+	r1,025	+	1,026
Fabricated metal products	+	1,075	-	1,074	-	1,070	-	1,064	-	1,050	-	1,043	+	r1,051	-	1,043
Machinery	+	1,360	+	1,363	-	1,357	-	1,352	-	1,340	-	1,334	o	r1,334	+	1,347
Electrical equipment	-	1,355	+	1,357	-	1,355	-	1,336	-	1,306	-	1,289	-	r1,289	-	1,283
Transportation equipment	-	1,392	-	1,362	-	1,361	+	1,362	-	1,343	+	1,354	+	r1,372	-	1,334
Instruments and related products	+	285	+	287	o	287	+	288	-	287	-	285	-	284	+	286
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	o	355	+	358	-	352	-	349	o	349	-	347	-	r345	-	336
Food and kindred products	-	1,184	-	1,183	+	1,184	+	1,189	-	1,177	+	1,180	+	r1,183	-	1,179
Tobacco manufactures	o	74	+	77	-	72	o	72	+	74	o	74	+	75	o	75
Textile mill products	+	848	-	847	-	838	-	836	-	830	-	825	+	r833	-	829
Apparel and related products	+	1,251	+	1,257	-	1,242	-	1,222	+	1,231	+	1,237	+	1,243	+	1,224
Paper and allied products	+	530	+	531	+	533	+	534	-	531	-	530	+	r539	o	539
Printing and publishing	+	666	+	673	o	673	+	677	o	677	-	675	+	r677	o	677
Chemicals and allied products	+	582	+	584	-	583	-	579	o	579	-	577	+	r584	+	585
Petroleum and related products	o	115	o	115	-	114	-	113	+	114	-	113	+	r116	+	117
Rubber and plastic products	+	417	o	417	-	412	-	408	+	409	-	359	+	r367	+	369
Leather and leather products	-	308	-	307	-	302	-	298	+	302	-	299	-	r298	-	291
Mining	+	626	+	628	-	626	+	627	-	623	-	620	+	r624	+	628
Contract construction	+	3,293	+	3,301	+	3,350	-	3,321	-	3,251	-	3,163	+	r3,170	+	3,203
Transportation and public utilities	o	4,196	+	4,230	-	4,225	o	4,223	-	4,186	+	4,242	-	r4,237	+	4,256
Wholesale trade	+	3,515	+	3,530	+	3,535	o	3,554	+	3,567	o	3,567	+	r3,573	+	3,575
Retail trade	-	9,877	+	9,973	+	9,989	o	9,993	+	10,017	+	10,030	+	r10,042	+	10,068
Finance, insurance, real estate	+	3,121	+	3,129	+	3,142	+	3,159	+	3,173	+	3,186	+	r3,207	+	3,213
Service and miscellaneous	+	9,821	+	9,869	+	9,919	+	9,981	+	10,005	+	10,022	+	r10,048	+	10,124
Federal government	+	2,629	+	2,662	+	2,673	+	2,688	+	2,691	+	2,701	+	r2,744	+	2,762
State and local government	+	8,553	+	8,591	+	8,636	+	8,699	+	8,739	+	8,770	+	r8,853	+	8,906

D47. INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION¹
(1957-59=100)

All industrial production.....	+	159.0	-	158.1	-	156.4	o	156.4	-	r156.3	-	155.5	-	r155.3	+	156.3
Percent rising of 24 components ²		(58)		(33)		(27)		(40)		(48)		(19)		(42)		(54)
Durable goods:																
Primary and fabricated metals .....		...		...		...		...		...		...		...		...
Primary metal products	-	136.2	-	131.9	o	131.9	-	129.2	-	r129.1	-	129.0	-	128.2	+	128
Fabricated metal products	+	168.7	-	166.6	-	165.0	-	162.9	-	160.2	+	160.7	-	160.3	+	161
Machinery and related products .....		...		...		...		...		...		...		...		...
Machinery, except electrical	+	190.4	+	190.7	-	187.3	-	185.2	-	r183.4	-	181.6	-	r181.3	+	183
Electrical machinery	-	188.3	-	187.2	-	185.3	-	182.0	-	r179.7	-	178.9	-	r173.4	+	179
Transportation equipment	-	171.5	-	164.6	-	159.4	+	164.5	+	167.7	+	169.1	+	170.5	+	172
Instruments and related products	+	184.6	+	186.2	-	183.4	+	185.8	-	185.2	+	185.3	-	184.1	+	185
Clay, glass, and lumber .....		...		...		...		...		...		...		...		...
Clay, glass, and stone products	+	136.9	+	137.2	-	136.9	-	134.9	+	r136.0	-	134.9	-	133.4	+	134
Lumber and products	+	112.8	+	115.7	+	116.9	+	120.2	+	r121.5	-	117.4	-	p116.5		(NA)
Furniture and miscellaneous .....		...		...		...		...		...		...		...		...
Furniture and fixtures	+	174.0	-	172.1	-	170.6	-	166.5	o	166.5	o	166.5	-	166.3	-	164
Miscellaneous	+	160.9	-	160.3	-	157.1	+	158.2	+	159.2	-	158.1	-	r156.7	-	155

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SELECTED DIFFUSION INDEXES AND COMPONENTS—Continued

Basic Data and Direction of Change—Continued

Diffusion index components	1966		1967													
	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July								
D47. INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION¹—Continued (1957-59=100)																
Nondurable goods:																
Textiles, apparel, and leather	-	141.4	-	139.3	-	136.7	-	136.2	-	r135.1	-	r134.6	-	p132.8	-	p132
Textile mill products.....	-	141.4	-	139.3	-	136.7	-	136.2	-	r135.1	-	r134.6	-	p134.5	-	(NA)
Apparel products.....	+	150.5	-	150.2	-	146.4	-	143.6	-	141.9	-	p141.8	-	(NA)	-	(NA)
Leather and products.....	+	111.1	-	107.7	-	103.7	-	100.5	+	r107.1	-	p105.0	-	(NA)	-	(NA)
Paper and printing.....																
Paper and products.....	-	152.6	+	154.0	-	152.4	o	152.4	-	r150.7	-	r150.1	-	p150.0	-	p148
Printing and publishing.....	-	143.7	+	145.5	+	146.1	+	146.8	+	r148.3	-	r147.4	+	r147.8	+	p148
Chemicals, petroleum, and rubber.....																
Chemicals and products.....	-	198.7	-	198.6	+	200.5	-	199.3	-	r199.2	-	r199.1	+	r186.5	+	p183
Petroleum products.....	-	129.0	-	128.7	-	127.4	+	130.1	+	r133.1	-	r130.1	+	p197.9	-	(NA)
Rubber and plastics products.....	-	201.6	-	198.8	-	196.3	-	191.5	-	186.9	-	p164.0	-	p130.2	-	(NA)
Foods, beverages, and tobacco.....																
Foods and beverages.....	+	132.0	-	131.9	-	131.3	+	131.7	+	r132.7	-	r131.4	+	130.6	o	p131
Tobacco products.....	+	119.3	-	118.5	+	120.2	-	116.2	+	128.8	-	p117.4	-	p131.6	-	(NA)
Minerals:																
Coal.....	+	125.2	-	120.7	-	115.7	-	115.1	+	125.5	-	120.1	+	r122.5	+	p123
Crude oil and natural gas.....	-	119.0	+	119.3	+	119.6	-	118.3	-	r117.2	+	r119.2	+	121.2	+	p129
Metal, stone, and earth minerals.....	+	134.2	+	140.3	+	142.1	+	143.7	+	r149.5	-	r132.9	+	p137.3	-	p130
Metal mining.....	+	134.2	+	140.3	+	142.1	+	143.7	+	r149.5	-	r132.9	+	p137.3	-	(NA)
Stone and earth minerals.....	+	139.3	-	138.7	-	136.6	+	137.2	-	130.6	-	129.2	+	p133.3	-	(NA)
D58. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES² (1957-59=100)																
All manufacturing industries	o	106.2	+	106.4	o	106.4	-	106.3	-	106.2	+	106.3	+	106.6	+	106.8
Percent rising of 22 components.....		(54)		(77)		(73)		(57)		(48)		(57)		(50)		(64)
Durable goods:																
Lumber and wood products.....	-	102.5	+	102.6	+	103.6	o	103.6	+	104.1	+	104.2	+	104.7	+	105.3
Furniture and other household durables.....	+	100.4	o	100.4	o	100.4	+	100.6	o	100.6	+	100.8	o	100.8	+	100.9
Nonmetallic mineral products.....	o	103.3	+	103.6	+	103.7	+	103.8	+	103.9	-	103.8	+	103.9	+	104.2
Iron and steel.....	+	102.9	+	103.0	+	103.2	+	103.3	-	103.2	o	103.2	+	103.3	+	103.4
Nonferrous metals.....																
Fabricated structural metal products.....	+	104.9	-	104.8	o	104.8	o	104.8	+	104.9	+	105.1	-	104.9	+	105.1
Miscellaneous metal products.....	+	113.2	+	113.6	o	113.6	+	113.7	-	113.6	+	113.7	o	113.7	+	113.8
General purpose machinery and equipment.....	+	112.4	+	112.8	+	113.0	o	113.0	o	113.0	+	113.2	-	113.1	+	113.2
Miscellaneous machinery.....																
Electrical machinery and equipment.....	+	108.1	+	108.5	+	108.7	+	108.8	o	108.8	+	108.9	+	109.1	o	109.1
Motor vehicles and equipment.....	o	101.7	-	101.6	o	101.6	o	101.6	o	101.6	o	101.6	-	101.4	-	101.3
Miscellaneous products.....	+	107.5	+	107.9	+	108.0	-	107.8	+	108.0	o	108.0	+	109.6	+	109.7
Nondurable goods:																
Processed foods and feeds.....	+	112.8	o	112.8	-	111.7	-	110.6	-	110.0	+	110.7	+	112.6	+	113.1
Cotton products.....	-	102.7	-	102.5	-	101.8	-	101.3	-	100.8	-	100.3	-	99.7	-	98.9
Wool products.....	-	104.8	-	104.7	o	104.7	-	104.0	-	102.9	+	103.1	+	103.2	+	103.3
Manmade fiber textile products.....	-	86.9	+	87.1	o	87.1	-	86.9	-	86.8	-	86.3	-	85.8	-	85.5
Apparel.....	-	105.4	+	105.7	+	105.9	+	106.0	+	106.2	+	106.3	+	106.7	+	107.1
Pulp, paper, and allied products.....																
Chemicals and allied products.....	+	98.2	+	98.4	+	98.5	o	98.5	+	98.8	o	98.8	-	98.5	-	98.3
Petroleum products, refined.....	-	100.2	+	100.3	+	101.9	+	102.4	-	101.7	+	103.7	-	103.1	+	103.3
Rubber and rubber products.....	o	95.0	+	95.6	+	95.8	+	95.9	o	95.9	-	95.8	o	95.8	o	95.8
Hides, skins, leather, and related products.....	-	117.3	+	117.9	+	118.0	-	117.0	-	116.0	-	115.4	+	115.6	-	115.2

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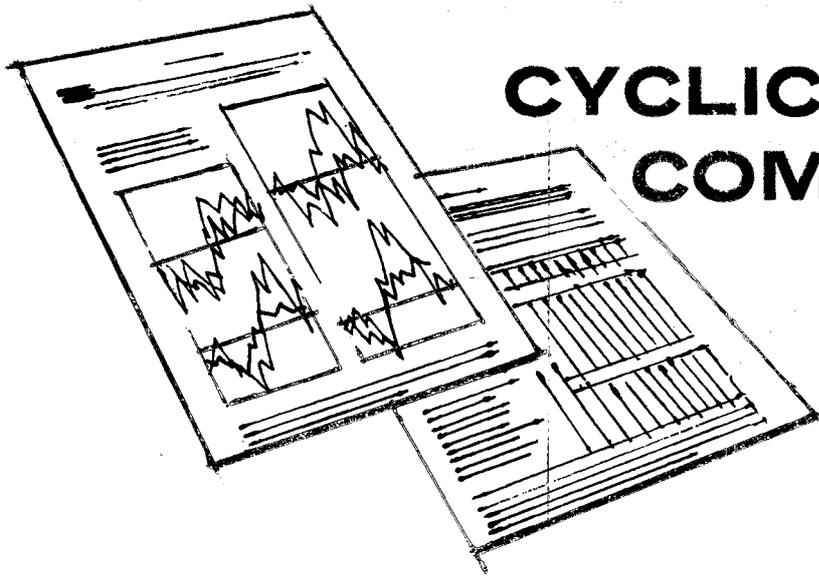
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Basic Data and Direction of Change—Continued

Diffusion index components	1966		1967						
	December	January	February	March	April	May ^r	June	July ^p	
D54. SALES OF RETAIL STORES¹ (Millions of dollars)									
All retail sales.....	- 25,368	+ 25,687	- 25,470	+ 25,739	+ 25,918	- 25,897	+ 26,478	+ 26,740	
Percent rising of 23 components.....	(41)	(87)	(39)	(44)	(61)	(35)	(78)	(52)	
Grocery stores.....	- 5,376	+ 5,417	+ 5,452	+ 5,535	- 5,513	- 5,507	+ p5,550	- (NA)	
Other food stores.....	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	
Eating and drinking places.....	+ 2,019	+ 2,036	- 2,026	+ 2,046	- 2,034	+ 2,038	- p2,034	+ (NA)	
Department stores.....	- 2,162	+ 2,244	- 2,191	+ 2,200	+ 2,278	+ 2,283	+ p2,372	- (NA)	
Mail-order houses (department store merchandise) ..	- 216	+ 220	+ 230	- 223	+ 230	- 215	+ p228	+ (NA)	
Variety stores.....	- 475	+ 486	- 472	- 448	+ 520	- 504	+ p516	- (NA)	
Other general merchandise stores.....	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	
Men's and boys' wear stores.....	- 282	+ 317	- 304	+ 315	+ 333	- 317	+ p327	+ (NA)	
Women's apparel, accessory stores.....	- 536	+ 587	- 576	+ 557	+ 614	- 585	+ p605	+ (NA)	
Family and other apparel stores.....	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	
Shoe stores.....	- 233	+ 250	- 239	- 228	+ 254	- 246	+ p253	+ (NA)	
Furniture, home furnishings stores.....	- 741	+ 792	- 780	- 755	+ 791	+ 795	- p776	+ (NA)	
Household appliance, TV, radio stores.....	+ 425	+ 429	+ 449	- 441	- 423	- 420	+ p454	- (NA)	
Lumber yards, building materials dealers.....	+ 747	+ 803	- 801	- 794	- 779	+ 750	+ p760	- (NA)	
Hardware stores.....	+ 250	+ 259	- 257	- 255	+ 269	- 251	+ p263	+ (NA)	
Farm equipment dealers.....	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	
Passenger car and other automotive dealers.....	o 4,445	- 4,298	- 4,085	+ 4,291	+ 4,348	+ 4,448	+ p4,725	+ (NA)	
Tire, battery, accessory dealers.....	- 300	+ 306	+ 309	+ 311	+ 312	- 304	+ p318	+ (NA)	
Gasoline service stations.....	- 1,915	+ 1,931	+ 1,968	- 1,964	+ 1,992	+ 1,996	+ p2,019	+ (NA)	
Drug and proprietary stores.....	+ 892	- 877	+ 883	+ 889	+ 906	- 903	+ p921	- (NA)	
Liquor stores.....	- 564	+ 591	+ 595	- 584	+ 609	- 598	- p597	- (NA)	
Jewelry stores.....	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	
Other durable-goods stores.....	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	
Other nondurable-goods stores.....	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	+ ...	

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Section THREE



CYCLICAL COMPARISONS

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REFERENCE CYCLES

*Current expansion compared with expansions in
earlier business cycles*

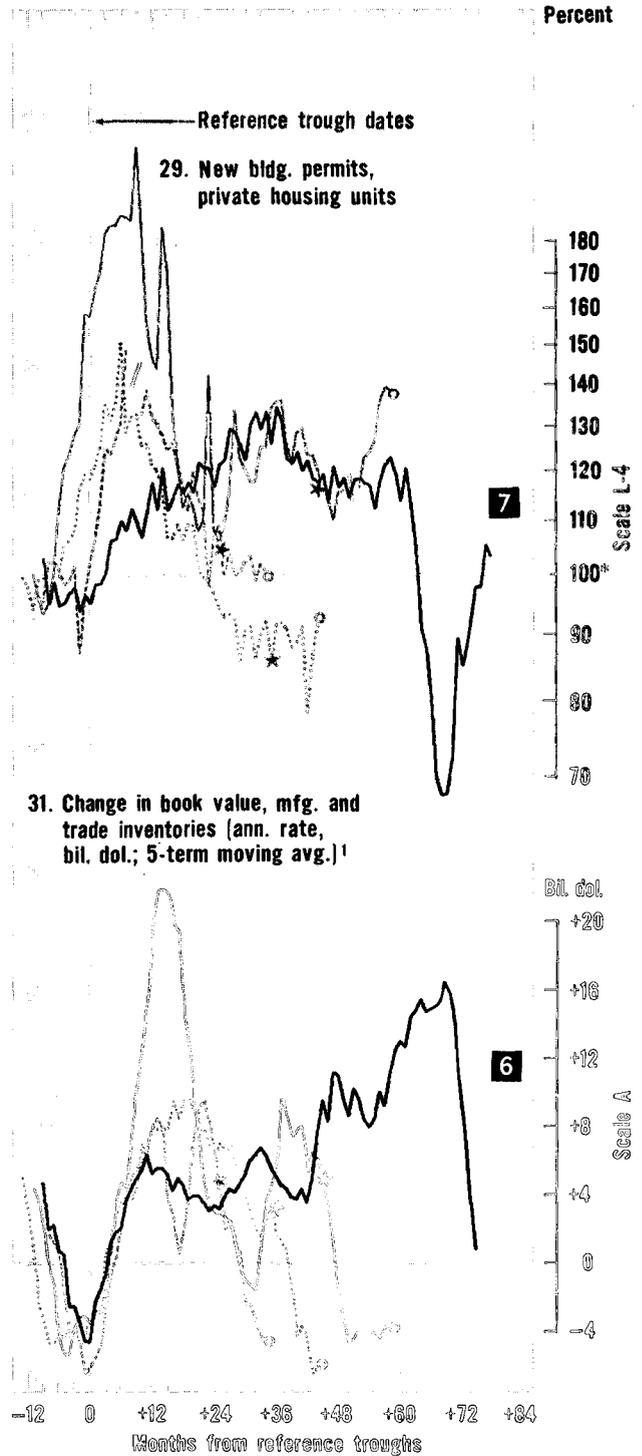
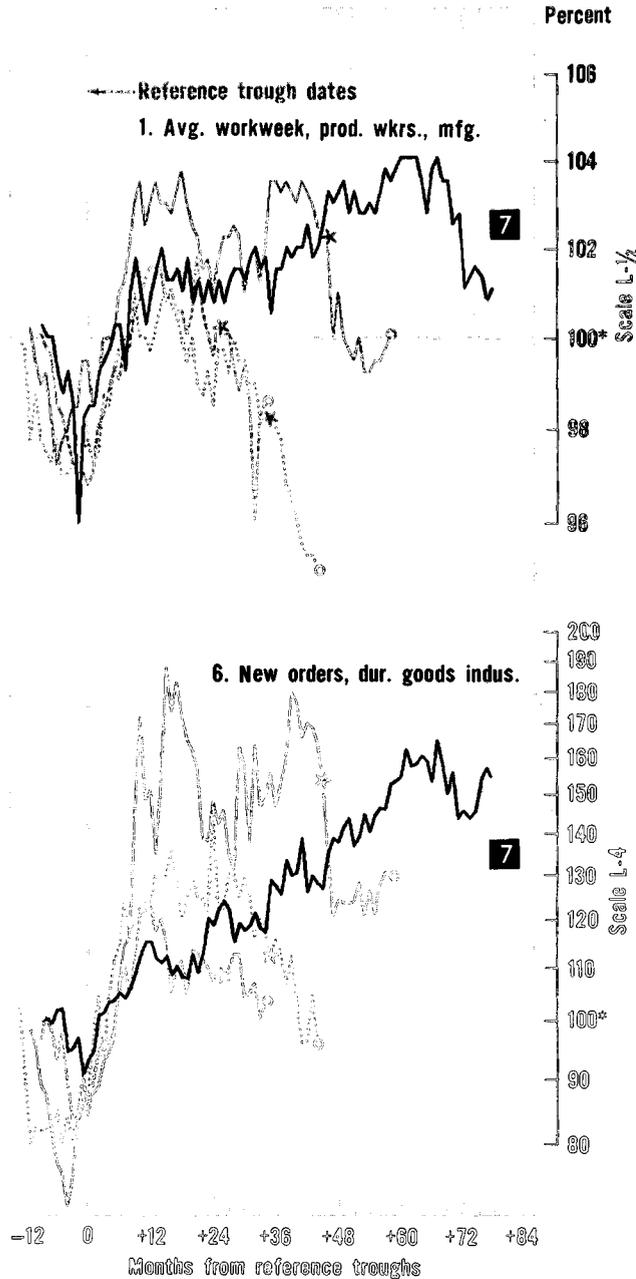


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COMPARISONS OF REFERENCE CYCLES

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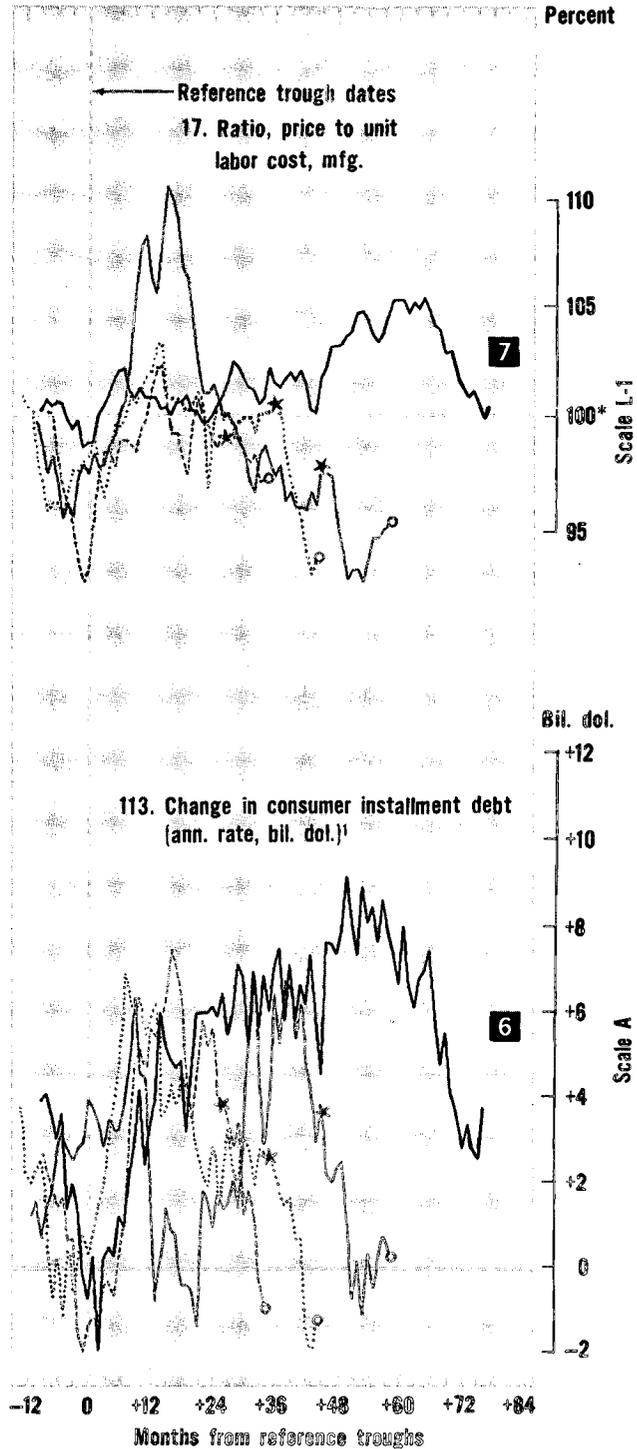
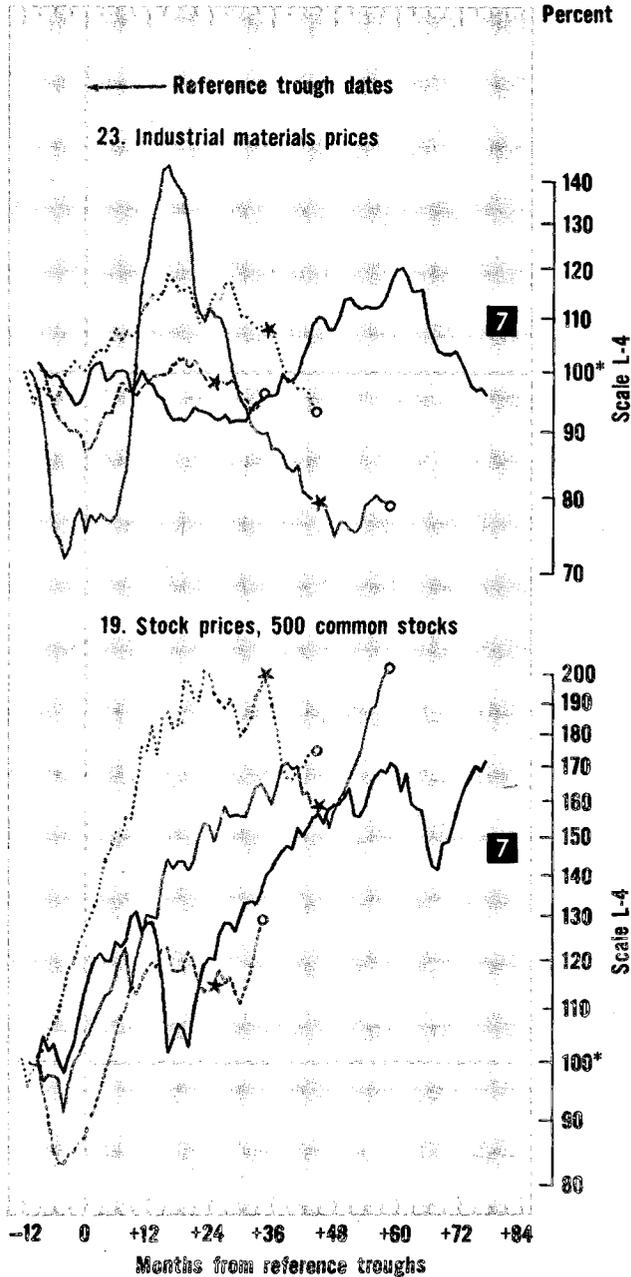
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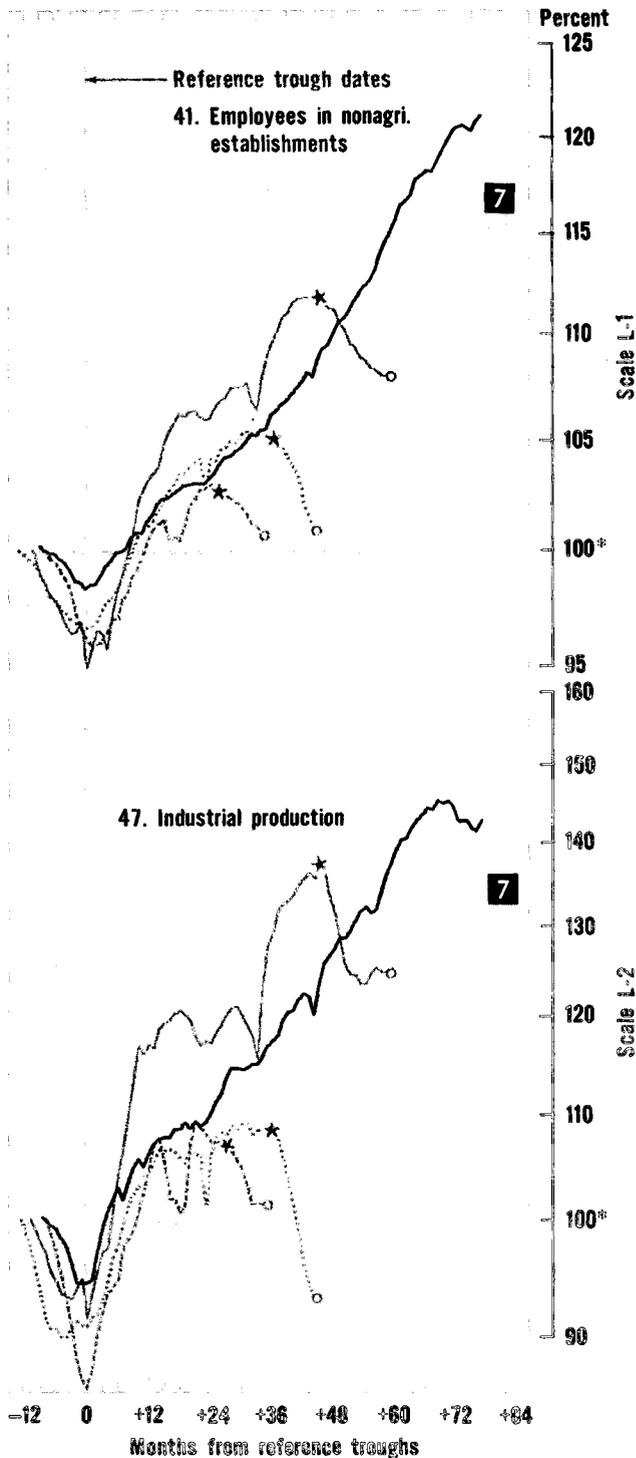
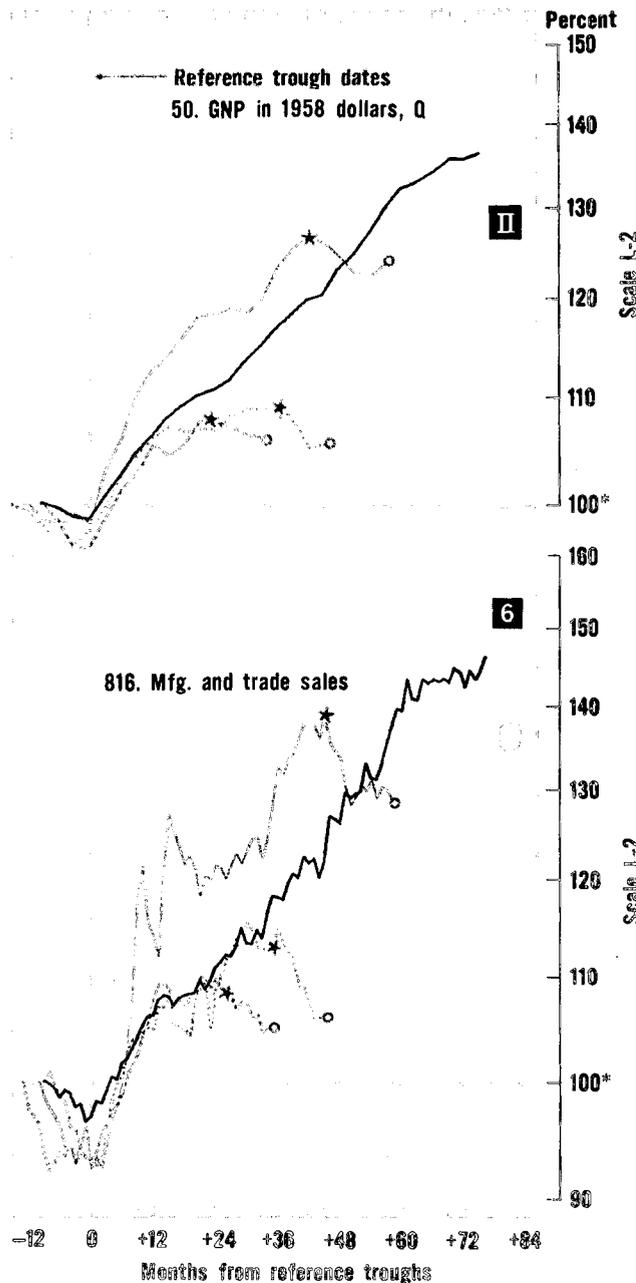
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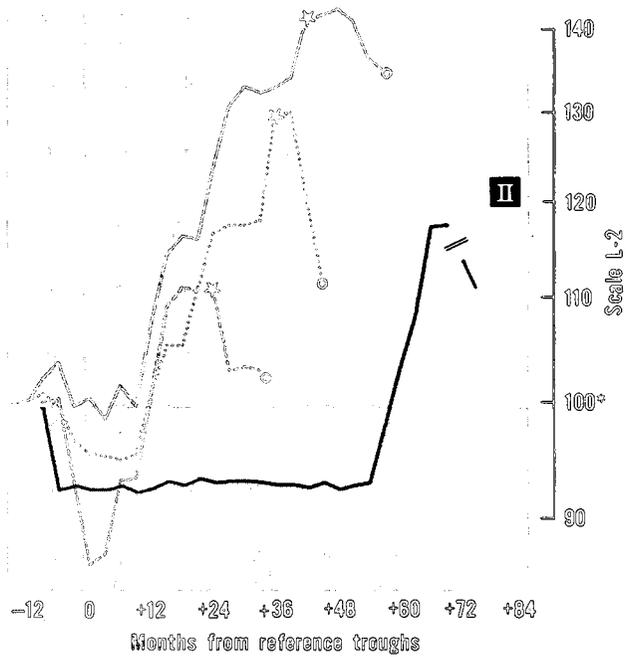
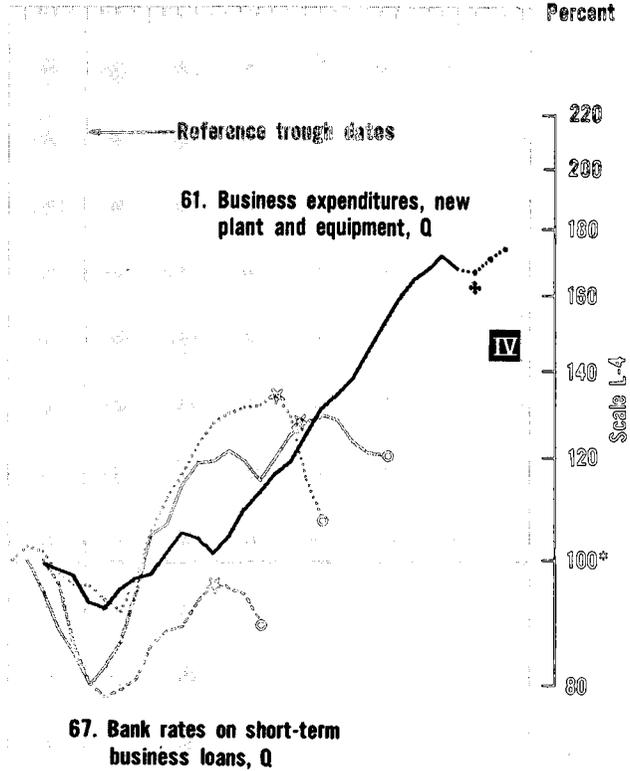
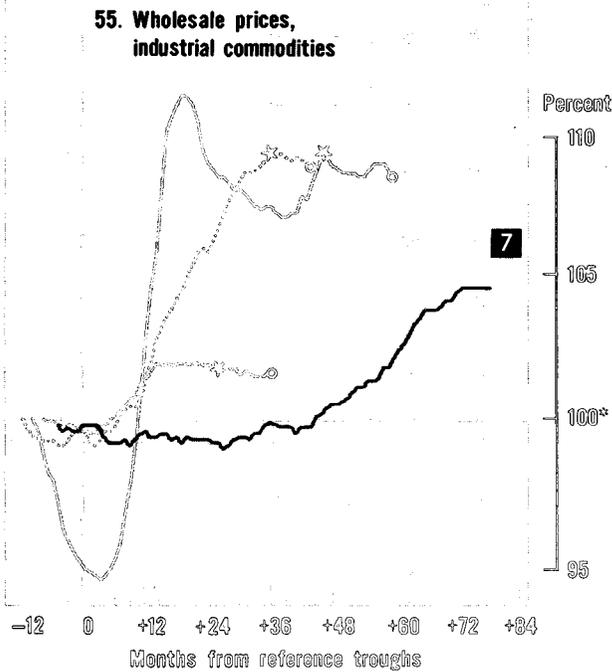
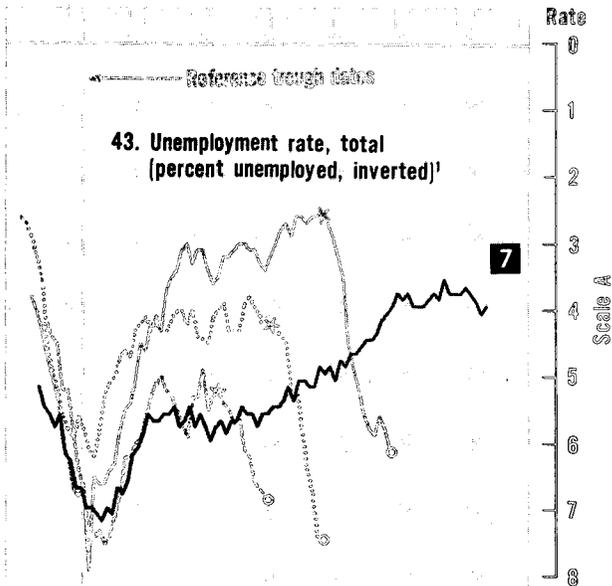
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- - - - July 1957 to Feb. 1961 (Reference trough: Apr. 1958)
- May 1960 to present (Reference trough: Feb. 1961)



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PERIOD COVERED

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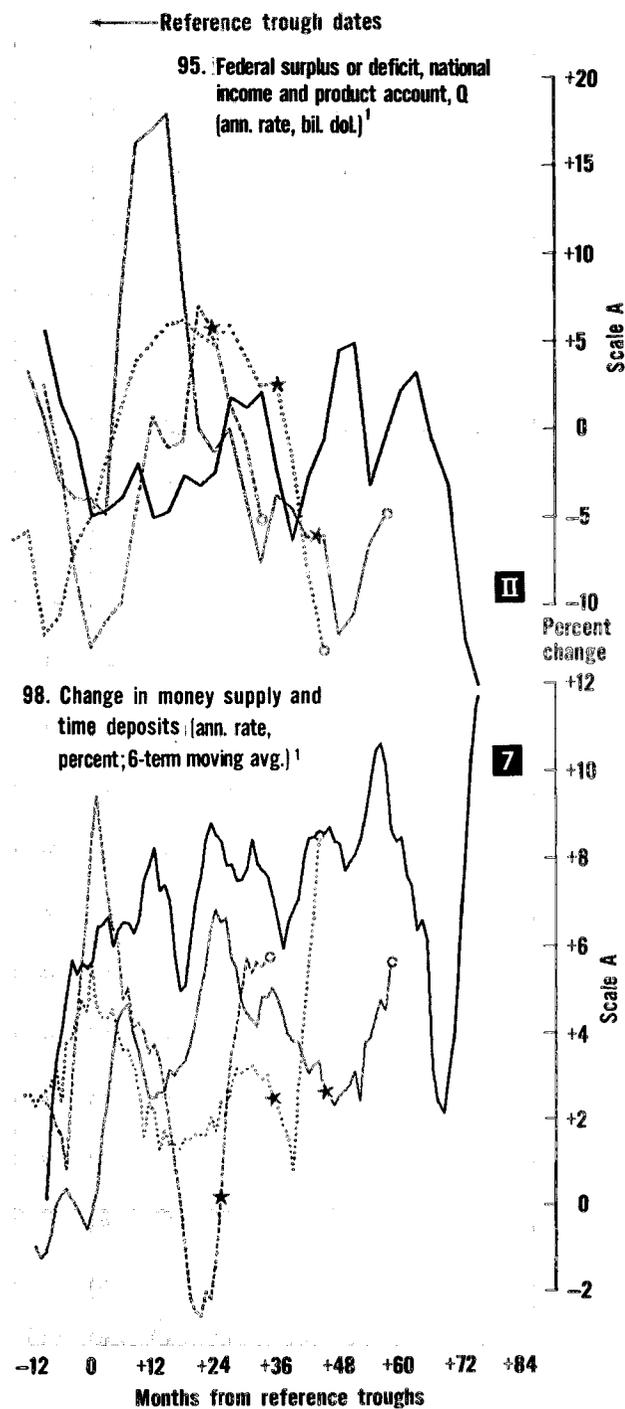
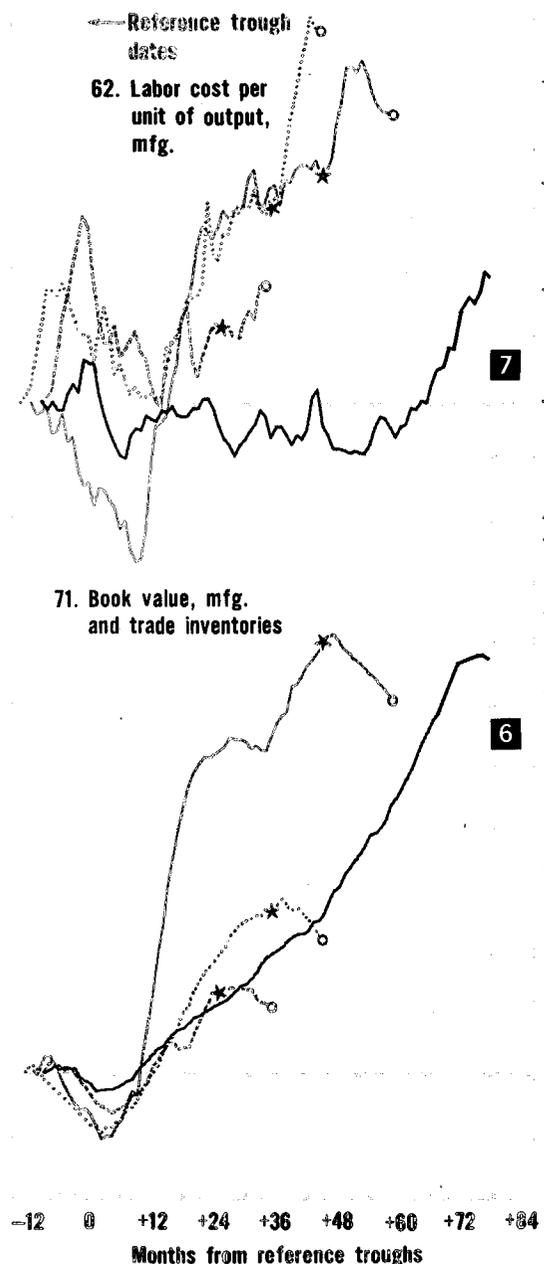


CYCLICAL COMPARISONS

COMPARISONS OF REFERENCE CYCLES—Continued

PERIOD COVERED

- Nov. 1948 to Aug. 1954 (Reference trough: Oct. 1949)
- July 1953 to Apr. 1958 (Reference trough: Aug. 1954)
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APPENDIXES

Appendix A.—BUSINESS CYCLE EXPANSIONS AND CONTRACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES: 1854 TO 1961

Business-cycle reference dates		Duration in months			
		Contraction (trough from previous peak)	Expansion (trough to peak)	Cycle	
				Trough from previous trough	Peak from previous peak
Trough	Peak				
December 1854	June 1857	(X)	30	(X)	(X)
December 1858	October 1860	18	22	48	40
June 1861	April 1865	8	46	30	54
December 1867	June 1869	32	18	78	50
December 1870	October 1873	18	34	36	52
March 1879	March 1882	65	36	99	101
May 1885	March 1887	38	22	74	60
April 1888	July 1890	13	27	35	40
May 1891	January 1893	10	20	37	30
June 1894	December 1895	17	18	37	35
June 1897	June 1899	18	24	36	42
December 1900	September 1902	18	21	42	39
August 1904	May 1907	23	33	44	56
June 1908	January 1910	13	19	46	32
January 1912	January 1913	24	12	43	36
December 1914	August 1918	23	44	35	67
March 1919	January 1920	7	10	51	17
July 1921	May 1923	18	22	28	40
July 1924	October 1926	14	27	36	41
November 1927	August 1929	13	21	40	34
March 1933	May 1937	43	50	64	93
June 1938	February 1945	13	80	63	93
October 1945	November 1948	8	37	88	45
October 1949	July 1953	11	45	48	56
August 1954	July 1957	13	35	58	48
April 1958	May 1960	9	25	44	34
February 1961		9	(X)	34	(X)
Average, all cycles:					
26 cycles, 1854-1961		19	30	49	149
10 cycles, 1919-1961		15	35	50	254
4 cycles, 1945-1961		10	36	46	346
Average, peacetime cycles:					
22 cycles, 1854-1961		20	26	45	446
8 cycles, 1919-1961		16	28	45	548
3 cycles, 1945-1961		10	32	42	642

NOTE: Underscored figures are the wartime expansions (Civil War, World Wars I and II, and Korean War), the postwar contractions, and the full cycles that include the wartime expansions.

¹25 cycles, 1857-1960.

²9 cycles, 1920-1960.

³4 cycles, 1945-1960.

⁴21 cycles, 1857-1960.

⁵7 cycles, 1920-1960.

⁶3 cycles, 1945-1960.

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

Appendix B.—SPECIFIC TROUGH AND PEAK DATES FOR SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

Selected series	Specific trough dates for reference expansions beginning in—								
	Feb. 1961	Apr. 1958	Aug. 1954	Oct. 1949	June 1938	Mar. 1933	Nov. 1927	July 1924	July 1921
LEADING INDICATORS									
1. Average workweek, production workers, manufacturing.....	Dec. '60	Apr. '58	Apr. '54	Apr. '49	Jan. '38	June '32	Apr. '28	July '24	Feb. '21
30. Nonagricultural placements, all industries...	Jan. '61	Mar. '58	May '54	July '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
38. Index of net business formation.....	Jan. '61	Apr. '58	Mar. '54	July '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6. New orders, durable goods industries.....	Jan. '61	Jan. '58	Sep. '53	June '49	Apr. '38	Mar. '33	(NSC)	May '24	Jan. '21
10. Contracts and orders, plant and equipment...	Mar. '61	Mar. '58	Mar. '54	Apr. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
29. New building permits, private housing units..	Dec. '60	Feb. '58	Sep. '53	Jan. '49	Dec. '37	Dec. '32	May '27	July '24	Dec. '20
31. Change in book value, manufacturing and trade inventories.....	Dec. '60	Apr. '58	Nov. '53	Apr. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
23. Industrial materials prices.....	Dec. '60	Apr. '58	Feb. '54	June '49	June '38	July '32	Aug. '28	June '24	July '21
19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks.....	Oct. '60	Dec. '57	Sep. '53	June '49	Apr. '38	June '32	(NSC)	Oct. '23	Aug. '21
16. Corporate profits after taxes (Q).....	1stQ '61	1stQ '58	4thQ '53	2ndQ '49	2ndQ '38	3rdQ '32	4thQ '27	3rdQ '24	2ndQ '21
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, manufacturing.....	Jan. '61	Mar. '58	Mar. '54	May '49	Dec. '37	Apr. '32	Aug. '27	June '24	Mar. '21
113. Change in consumer installment debt.....	Apr. '61	Mar. '58	Mar. '54	Jan. '49	Feb. '38	Feb. '32	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS									
41. Employees in nonagricultural establishments..	Feb. '61	May '58	Aug. '54	Oct. '49	June '38	Mar. '33	Jan. '28	July '24	July '21
43. Unemployment rate, total (inverted).....	May '61	July '58	Sep. '54	Oct. '49	June '38	May '33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q).....	1stQ '61	1stQ '58	2ndQ '54	2ndQ '49	1stQ '38	3rdQ '32	(NSC)	(NSC)	4thQ '21
47. Industrial production.....	Feb. '61	Apr. '58	Apr. '54	Oct. '49	May '38	July '32	Nov. '27	July '24	Apr. '21
52. Personal income.....	(NSC)	Feb. '58	Apr. '54	July '49	May '38	Mar. '33	4thQ '26	2ndQ '24	2ndQ '21
816. Manufacturing and trade sales.....	Jan. '61	Mar. '58	Aug. '54	Oct. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
54. Sales of retail stores.....	Apr. '61	Mar. '58	Jan. '54	(NSC)	May '38	Mar. '33	(NSC)	(NSC)	Mar. '22
LAGGING INDICATORS									
502. Unemployment rate, persons unemployed 15 weeks and over (inverted).....	July '61	Aug. '58	Oct. '54	Nov. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
61. Business expenditures, new plant and equipment (Q).....	2ndQ '61	3rdQ '58	1stQ '55	4thQ '49	3rdQ '38	1stQ '33	4thQ '27	3rdQ '24	4thQ '21
71. Book value, manufacturing and trade inventories.....	Mar. '61	Aug. '58	Oct. '54	Dec. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
62. Labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing.....	Sep. '61	June '59	Sep. '55	July '50	June '40	July '33	(NSC)	(NSC)	Apr. '22
72. Commercial and industrial loans outstanding.....	(NSC)	July '58	Oct. '54	Aug. '49	Dec. '38	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
67. Bank rates on short-term business loans (Q).....	4thQ '61	2ndQ '58	1stQ '55	1stQ '50	3rdQ '41	(NSC)	Feb. '28	Nov. '24	Sep. '22

NOTE: Specific trough dates are the actual dates when individual series reached a trough as distinguished from the reference dates which are those dates designated as the trough of business activity as a whole. This table shows, for the 25 indicators on the NBER "short list," the specific dates corresponding to reference dates in 9 recent business cycles.

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Appendix B.—SPECIFIC TROUGH AND PEAK DATES FOR SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS—Continued

Selected series	Specific peak dates for reference contractions beginning in—								
	May 1960	July 1957	July 1953	Nov. 1948	May 1937	Aug. 1929	Oct. 1926	May 1923	Jan. 1920
LEADING INDICATORS									
1. Average workweek, production workers, manufacturing	June '59	Nov. '55	Mar. '53	(NSC)	Dec. '36	Oct. '29	Nov. '25	Nov. '22	(NA)
30. Nonagricultural placements, all industries...	July '59	Nov. '55	Feb. '53	(NSC)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
38. Index of net business formation.....	Apr. '59	Mar. '55	Sep. '52	Apr. '46	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
6. New orders, durable goods industries	Apr. '59	Dec. '55	Jan. '53	Aug. '48	Dec. '36	(NSC)	Nov. '25	Jan. '23	(NA)
10. Contracts and orders, plant and equipment...	Sep. '59	Nov. '56	May '51	June '48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
29. New building permits, private housing units..	Nov. '58	Feb. '55	Nov. '52	Oct. '47	Feb. '37	Feb. '28	July '25	Jan. '24	July '19
31. Change in book value, manufacturing and trade inventories.....	Dec. '59	Apr. '56	Jan. '53	July '46	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
23. Industrial materials prices	Nov. '59	Dec. '55	Feb. '51	Jan. '48	Mar. '37	Mar. '29	Nov. '25	Mar. '23	Apr. '20
19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks	July '59	July '56	Jan. '53	June '48	Feb. '37	Sep. '29	(NSC)	Mar. '23	July '19
16. Corporate profits after taxes (Q).....	2ndQ '59	4thQ '55	2ndQ '53	2ndQ '48	4thQ '36	3rdQ '29	3rdQ '26	2ndQ '23	(NA)
17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, manufacturing	June '59	Oct. '55	Jan. '51	June '48	Mar. '37	July '29	Sep. '26	June '22	Feb. '20
113. Change in consumer installment debt.....	Aug. '59	Mar. '55	Dec. '52	Mar. '48	Mar. '36	May '29	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS									
41. Employees in nonagricultural establishments.	Apr. '60	Mar. '57	June '53	Sep. '48	July '37	Aug. '29	Jan. '26	June '23	Jan. '20
43. Unemployment rate, total (inverted).....	Feb. '60	Mar. '57	June '53	Jan. '48	July '37	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q).....	1stQ '60	3rdQ '57	2ndQ '53	4thQ '48	3rdQ '37	3rdQ '29	(NSC)	(NSC)	(NA)
47. Industrial production	Jan. '60	Feb. '57	July '53	July '48	May '37	July '29	Mar. '27	May '23	Feb. '20
52. Personal income	(NSC)	Aug. '57	Oct. '53	Oct. '48	June '37	Aug. '29	2ndQ '26	1stQ '24	(NA)
816. Manufacturing and trade sales	Jan. '60	Feb. '57	July '53	Aug. '48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
54. Sales of retail stores.....	Apr. '60	Aug. '57	Mar. '53	(NSC)	Sep. '37	Sep. '29	(NSC)	(NSC)	July '20
LAGGING INDICATORS									
502. Unemployment rate, persons unemployed 15 weeks and over (inverted).....	May '60	Sep. '57	Oct. '53	Jan. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
61. Business expenditures, new plant and equipment (Q).....	2ndQ '60	3rdQ '57	3rdQ '53	4thQ '48	3rdQ '37	2ndQ '29	4thQ '26	2ndQ '23	2ndQ '20
71. Book value, manufacturing and trade inventories	July '60	Sep. '57	Sep. '53	Feb. '49	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
62. Labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing	Jan. '61	Mar. '58	Mar. '54	Nov. '48	Dec. '37	(NSC)	(NSC)	Oct. '23	Nov. '20
72. Commercial and industrial loans outstanding.....	(NSC)	Sep. '57	July '53	Aug. '48	Sep. '37	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
67. Bank rates on short-term business loans (Q)	4thQ '59	4thQ '57	4thQ '53	2ndQ '49	(NSC)	Oct. '29	Oct. '26	Oct. '23	Feb. '21

NOTE: Specific peak dates are the actual dates when individual series reached a peak as distinguished from the reference dates which are those dates designated as the peak of business activity as a whole. This table shows, for the 25 indicators on the NBER "short list," the specific dates corresponding to reference dates in 9 recent business cycles.

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Appendix C.—AVERAGE CHANGES AND RELATED MEASURES FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES

Part 1.—Average Percentage Changes

Monthly series	Period covered	CI	I	C	I/C	MCD	T/C for MCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
								CI	I	C	MCD
LEADING INDICATORS											
*1. Avg. workweek, production workers, mfg.	Jan. '53-June '66..	.47	.41	.18	2.30	3	.76	2.21	1.40	10.73	4.18
*30. Nonagricultural placements, all industries	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.83	1.34	1.09	1.23	2	.63	2.11	1.52	7.24	3.97
2. Accession rate, manufacturing	Jan. '53-June '66..	4.62	4.38	1.44	3.04	4	.79	2.21	1.50	11.50	3.76
5. Average weekly initial claims, State unemployment insurance	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	4.95	4.38	2.17	2.02	2	.95	1.69	1.42	12.67	3.97
3. Layoff rate, manufacturing	Jan. '53-June '66..	8.75	7.96	3.23	2.47	3	.76	2.27	1.53	10.73	4.82
*38. Index of net business formation	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	.79	.60	.53	1.15	2	.66	2.71	1.63	6.61	4.08
13. New business incorporations	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	2.49	2.18	1.00	2.18	3	.78	1.92	1.63	7.24	3.19
*6. New orders, durable goods industries	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	3.76	3.33	1.51	2.20	3	.66	1.81	1.58	8.44	4.41
94. Construction contracts, value	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	6.64	6.38	1.55	4.12	5	.87	1.55	1.52	8.00	3.15
*10. Contracts and orders, plant and equipment	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	4.69	4.39	1.43	3.08	4	.84	1.88	1.71	9.50	3.39
24. New orders, mach. and equip. industries	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	4.18	3.81	1.52	2.51	3	.88	1.83	1.60	10.86	3.41
9. Construction contracts, commercial and industrial, floor space	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	9.30	9.17	.97	9.41	6	(¹)	1.60	1.48	12.67	3.00
7. Private nonfarm housing starts	May '59-Sep. '65..	7.16	7.08	.89	7.91	6	(¹)	1.38	1.38	15.20	2.63
*29. New building permits, private housing	Jan. '53-June '66..	3.70	3.31	1.30	2.54	3	.82	1.87	1.55	12.38	3.06
37. Purchased materials, percent reporting higher inventories	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	6.46	5.24	2.84	1.85	3	.76	2.37	1.62	7.60	3.57
26. Buying policy, production materials, commitments 60 days or longer	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	5.27	4.77	1.98	2.41	3	.77	1.88	1.63	8.94	3.49
32. Vendor performance, percent reporting slower deliveries	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	7.47	5.79	4.00	1.45	2	.95	3.17	1.85	8.94	3.77
*23. Industrial materials prices	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.31	1.04	.73	1.41	2	.99	2.49	2.11	11.69	3.87
*19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	2.49	1.68	1.64	1.02	2	.57	2.37	1.58	9.50	3.97
*17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, manufacturing	Jan. '53-Oct. '66..	.62	.51	.27	1.93	3	.92	2.62	1.70	5.69	4.18
14. Liabilities of business failures	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	18.74	18.24	1.70	10.72	6	(¹)	1.49	1.39	8.94	2.23
39. Delinquency rate, installment credit loans	Jan. '53-Dec. '65..	2.63	2.42	.95	2.55	3	.80	1.85	1.57	8.44	4.17
ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS											
301. Nonagricultural job openings unfilled	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	3.12	1.77	2.34	.76	1	.76	3.27	1.70	9.82	3.27
46. Help-wanted advertising	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	3.00	1.87	2.30	.81	1	.81	3.10	1.39	8.94	3.10
511. Man-hours in nonagricultural establishments	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	.44	.31	.31	1.00	2	.51	2.98	1.52	12.85	5.03
*41. Employees in nonagricultural establishments	Jan. '53-June '66..	.31	.14	.27	.52	1	.52	5.19	1.50	17.89	5.19
42. Total nonagricultural employment	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	.35	.29	.21	1.42	2	.75	2.09	1.55	27.83	4.05
*43. Unemployment rate, total	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	3.94	3.05	2.16	1.41	2	.72	2.53	1.44	7.95	4.05
45. Average weekly insured unemployment rate, State programs	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	4.19	2.19	3.29	.67	1	.67	4.90	1.75	7.60	4.90
40. Unemployment rate, married males	Nov. '54-Dec. '66..	5.07	4.38	2.55	1.72	2	.92	3.37	1.48	8.53	4.11
*47. Industrial production	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.02	.54	.76	.71	1	.71	3.62	1.67	11.69	3.62
*52. Personal income	Jan. '53-June '66..	.53	.27	.46	.58	1	.58	4.88	1.56	23.00	4.88
53. Wage and salary income in mining, mfg., and constr.	Jan. '53-June '66..	.84	.50	.64	.78	1	.78	2.93	1.56	14.64	2.93
*816. Manufacturing and trade sales	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	1.02	.74	.62	1.19	2	.62	2.35	1.50	8.79	3.69
*54. Sales of retail stores	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	.97	.83	.44	1.88	3	.70	2.08	1.57	15.20	4.84
96. Unfilled orders, durable goods indus.	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.45	.54	1.28	.42	1	.42	5.63	1.57	10.86	5.63
55. Wholesale prices, industrial commodities	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	.17	.11	.13	.84	1	.84	3.88	1.64	9.82	3.88
58. Wholesale prices, manufactured goods	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	.20	.16	.13	1.25	2	.77	3.27	1.78	10.44	4.61
114. Treasury bill rate	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	6.70	5.00	4.46	1.12	2	.73	2.53	1.77	6.61	3.68
116. Corporate bond yields	Jan. '59-June '66..	1.58	1.31	.82	1.60	3	.74	2.54	1.85	12.71	3.78
115. Treasury bond yields	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.65	1.31	.93	1.41	2	.98	2.76	2.00	8.00	3.68
117. Municipal bond yields	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	2.46	2.08	1.10	1.90	3	.87	2.58	1.88	8.00	3.66
LAGGING INDICATORS											
*502. Unemployment rate, 15 weeks and over	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	6.52	5.25	4.16	1.26	2	.64	4.07	1.55	7.95	5.72
505. Machinery and equip. sales and business construction expenditures	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	1.63	1.32	.89	1.49	2	.75	1.96	1.50	18.56	3.32
*71. Book value, mfg. and trade inventories	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	.54	.18	.50	.36	1	.36	7.26	1.58	23.86	7.26
65. Book value, manufacturers' inventories of finished goods	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	.62	.28	.55	.52	1	.52	3.63	1.42	15.18	3.63

See footnotes at end of table.

Appendix C.—AVERAGE CHANGES AND RELATED MEASURES FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

Part 1.—Average Percentage Changes—Continued

Monthly series	Period covered	CI	I	C	I/C	MCD	I/C for MCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
								CI	I	C	MCD
LAGGING INDICATORS—Continued											
*62. Labor cost per unit of output, manufacturing	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	.51	.37	.30	1.26	2	.72	2.54	1.57	7.86	3.81
66. Consumer installment debt	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	.84	.11	.82	.14	1	.14	11.69	1.63	21.71	11.69
*72. Com. and indus. loans outstanding, weekly reporting large commercial banks	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	.95	.46	.83	.55	1	.55	4.07	1.50	23.86	4.07
118. Mortgage yields, residential	Jul. '61-Sep. '65..	.11	.07	.11	.65	1	.65	10.00	1.92	5.56	10.00
OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES											
81. Consumer prices	Jan. '53-Dec. '66..	.19	.12	.14	.83	1	.83	3.98	1.62	9.82	3.98
86. Exports, excluding military aid	Jan. '53-Oct. '64..	3.81	3.56	.94	3.77	4	.91	1.78	1.66	14.10	4.06
861. Export orders, durables except motor vehicles and parts	Oct. '62-Dec. '66..	12.45	12.28	1.57	7.80	6	(¹)	1.43	1.35	16.67	2.37
862. Export orders, nonelectrical machinery	Jan. '57-Dec. '66..	6.32	6.10	1.84	3.31	4	.85	1.63	1.55	9.92	3.05
87. General imports	Jan. '53-Oct. '64..	3.04	2.87	.80	3.59	4	.86	1.83	1.62	10.85	3.54
91. Defense Department obligations, total	Jul. '53-Sep. '65..	13.86	13.59	1.26	10.77	6	(¹)	1.40	1.42	6.64	2.07
90. Defense Dept. obligations, procurement	Jan. '56-Sep. '65..	27.42	27.34	2.16	12.68	6	(¹)	1.43	1.43	8.92	2.02
99. New orders, defense products	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	22.53	22.53	1.92	11.72	6	(¹)	1.57	1.48	9.50	2.53
92. Military contract awards in U.S.	July '55-Apr. '67..	18.06	17.61	1.92	9.17	6	(¹)	1.44	1.38	10.07	2.43
U.S. SERIES UNDER CONSIDERATION											
851. Ratio, inventories to sales, mfg. and trade	Jan. '53-Apr. '67..	.99	.86	.47	1.82	2	.93	2.85	1.50	9.00	4.72
852. Ratio, unfilled orders to shipments, durable goods	Jan. '53-Apr. '67..	2.04	1.76	.98	1.80	3	.71	2.09	1.58	10.69	4.45
853. Ratio, production of business equipment to production of consumer goods	Jan. '53-Apr. '67..	.95	.62	.66	.95	1	.95	2.71	1.54	9.00	2.71
855. Ratio, nonagricultural job openings unfilled to number of persons unemployed	Jan. '53-Apr. '67..	5.78	3.41	4.21	.81	1	.81	2.95	1.50	8.55	2.95
856. Ratio, average hourly earnings of production workers in manufacturing to consumer prices	Jan. '53-Apr. '67..	.35	.29	.19	1.52	2	.78	2.34	1.50	13.15	3.78
INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION											
123. Canada	July '53-Mar. '67..	.89	.68	.57	1.19	2	.53	2.30	1.45	10.63	4.22
122. United Kingdom	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.08	1.02	.42	2.41	3	.86	2.58	1.48	10.13	5.17
121. OECD European countries	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	.86	.77	.49	1.55	2	.87	3.62	1.73	25.33	5.81
125. West Germany	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.51	1.33	.66	2.02	3	.64	2.71	1.62	19.00	5.00
128. Japan	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.73	1.23	1.22	1.01	2	.47	3.38	1.37	13.82	5.21
126. France	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.45	1.38	.62	2.24	3	.84	2.67	1.45	16.89	6.00
127. Italy	Jan. '53-Sep. '65..	1.50	1.40	.72	1.96	3	.67	2.49	1.69	16.89	4.84
Quarterly series	Period covered	CI	I	C	I/C	QCD	I/C for QCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
LEADING INDICATORS											
11. New capital appropriations, manufacturing	1Q'53-1VQ'66.....	9.66	4.78	7.18	.67	1	.67	3.06	1.28	3.44	3.06
*16. Corporate profits after taxes	1Q'53-1Q'66.....	5.56	2.95	4.26	.69	1	.69	3.06	1.27	5.20	3.06
22. Ratio, profits to income originating, corporate, all industries	1Q'53-1Q'66.....	4.18	2.69	2.99	.90	1	.90	2.36	1.30	6.50	2.36
18. Profits per dollar of sales, manufacturing	1Q'53-1VQ'66.....	5.71	3.60	3.70	.97	1	.97	2.50	1.31	4.23	2.50
110. Total private borrowing	1Q'53-1VQ'66.....	10.97	6.31	7.99	.79	1	.79	2.20	1.22	3.67	2.20
ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS											
49. GNP in current dollars	1Q'53-1Q'66.....	1.54	.34	1.45	.24	1	.24	5.78	1.33	7.43	5.78
*50. GNP in 1958 dollars	1Q'53-1Q'66.....	1.28	.35	1.14	.31	1	.31	3.47	1.33	5.78	3.47
57. Final sales	1Q'53-1Q'66.....	1.37	.30	1.32	.23	1	.23	10.40	1.21	10.40	10.40
97. Backlog of capital appropriations, manufacturing	1Q'53-1VQ'66.....	5.58	.85	5.45	.16	1	.16	4.23	1.34	6.11	4.23

See footnotes at end of table.

Appendix C.—AVERAGE CHANGES AND RELATED MEASURES FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES—Continued

Part I.—Average Percentage Changes—Continued

Quarterly series	Period covered	CI	I	C	I/C	QCD	I/C for QCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
								CI	I	C	QCD
LAGGING INDICATORS											
*61. Business expenditures, new plant and equipment.....	IQ'53-IIIQ'65.....	3.21	.77	2.99	.26	1	.26	5.56	1.47	5.56	5.56
68. Labor cost (cur. dol.) per unit of gross product (1958 dol.), nonfinancial corporations.....	IQ'53-IVQ'66.....	.85	.40	.69	.57	1	.57	2.89	1.28	4.23	2.89
*67. Bank rates on short-term business loans.....	IQ'53-IIIQ'65.....	1.99	.96	1.80	.54	1	.54	2.38	1.47	3.33	2.38
OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES											
83. Federal cash receipts from public.....	IQ'53-IQ'67.....	3.38	1.82	2.31	.79	1	.79	2.55	1.44	3.50	2.55
82. Federal cash payments to public.....	IQ'53-IQ'67.....	3.81	3.02	2.09	1.45	2	.47	1.51	1.19	4.00	3.06
101. National defense purchases, current dollars.....	IQ'53-IVQ'66.....	2.34	.87	1.89	.46	1	.46	2.62	1.34	4.58	2.62
U.S. SERIES UNDER CONSIDERATION											
850. Ratio, output to capacity, mfg.....	IQ'53-IIQ'67.....	2.21	.87	1.79	.49	1	.49	2.85	1.42	3.80	2.85
854. Ratio, personal saving to disposable personal income.....	IQ'53-IVQ'66.....	8.54	6.98	4.45	1.57	2	.57	1.57	1.28	3.67	3.18
857. Vacancy rate in rental housing.....	IQ'56-IQ'67.....	3.64	2.28	2.36	.97	1	.97	2.10	1.33	4.40	2.10

*Series included in the 1966 NBER "short list" of 25 indicators.

¹Not shown for series when MCD is "6" or more.

The following are brief definitions of the measures shown in this table. More complete explanations appear in Electronic Computers and Business Indicators, by Julius Shiskin, issued as Occasional Paper 57 by the National Bureau of Economic Research, 1957 (reprinted from Journal of Business, October 1957).

"CI", is the average month-to-month (or quarter-to-quarter) percentage change, without regard to sign, in the seasonally adjusted series. "I" is the same for the irregular component, obtained by dividing the cyclical component into the seasonally adjusted series. "C" is the same for the cyclical component, a smooth, flexible moving average of the seasonally adjusted series.

"MCD" (months for cyclical dominance) provides an estimate of the appropriate time span over which to observe cyclical movements in a monthly series. It is small for smooth series and large for irregular series. In deriving MCD, percentage changes are computed separately for the irregular component and the cyclical component over 1-month spans (Jan.-Feb., Feb.-Mar., etc.), 2-month spans (Jan.-Mar., Feb.-Apr., etc.), up to 12-month spans. Averages, without regard to sign, are then computed for the changes over each span. MCD is the shortest span in months for which the average percentage change (without regard to sign) in the cyclical component is larger than the average percentage change (without regard to sign) in the irregular component, and remains so. Thus, it indicates the point at which fluctuations in the seasonally adjusted series become dominated by cyclical rather than irregular movements. All series with an MCD greater than "5" are shown as "6". Similarly, "QCD" provides an estimate of the appropriate time span over which to observe cyclical movements in quarterly series. It is the shortest span (in quarters) for which the average percentage change (without regard to sign) in the cyclical component is larger than the average percentage change (without regard to sign) in the irregular component, and remains so.

"I/C" is a measure of the relative smoothness (small values) or irregularity (large values) of the seasonally adjusted

series. For monthly series, it is shown for 1-month spans and for spans of the period of MCD. When MCD is "6", no I/C ratio is shown for the MCD period. For quarterly series, I/C is shown for 1-quarter spans and QCD spans.

"Average Duration of Run" (ADR) is another measure of smoothness and is equal to the average number of consecutive monthly changes in the same direction in any series of observations. When there is no change between 2 months, a change in the same direction as the preceding change is assumed. The ADR is shown for the seasonally adjusted series CI, irregular component I, cyclical component C, and the MCD curve. The MCD curve is an unweighted moving average (with the number of terms equal to MCD) of the seasonally adjusted series.

A comparison of these measures of ADR with the expected ADR of a random series gives an indication of whether the changes approximate those of a random series. Over 1-month intervals in a random series, the expected value of the ADR is 1.5. The actual value of ADR falls between 1.36 and 1.75 about 95 percent of the time. Over 1-month intervals in a moving average (MCD) of a random series, the expected value of ADR is 2.0. For example, the ADR of CI is 1.69 for the series on average weekly initial claims, State unemployment insurance (series 5). This indicates that 1-month changes in the seasonally adjusted series, on the average, reverse sign about as often as expected in a random series. The ADR measures shown in the next two columns, 1.42 for I and 12.67 for C, suggest that the seasonally adjusted series has been successfully separated into an essentially random component and a cyclical (nonrandom) component. Finally, ADR is 3.97 for the MCD moving average. This indicates that a 2-month moving average of the seasonally adjusted series (2 months being the MCD span) reverses direction, on the average, about every 4 months. The increase in the ADR from 1.42 for CI to 3.97 for the MCD moving average indicates that, for this series, month-to-month changes in the MCD moving average usually reflect the underlying cyclical trend movements of the series, whereas the month-to-month changes in the seasonally adjusted series usually do not.

Part 2.—Average Unit Changes

Monthly series	Period covered	Unit of measure	CI	I	C	I/C	MCD	I/C for MCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
									CI	I	C	MCD
LEADING INDICATORS												
*31. Change in book value, manufacturing and trade inventories.....	Jan. '53-Sep. '65	Ann. rate, bil. dol..	3.68	3.58	.74	4.87	5	.98	1.51	1.43	9.06	2.65
20. Change in book value of manufacturers' inventories of materials, supplies.....	Jan. '53-Sep. '65	... do ...	1.51	1.44	.29	4.97	6	(¹)	1.67	1.50	6.08	3.00
25. Change in unfilled orders, dur. goods industries.	Jan. '53-Sep. '65	Bil. dol ..	.48	.46	.13	3.51	4	.98	1.69	1.62	7.60	3.10
98. Change in money supply and time deposits	Jan. '53-Sep. '65	Ann. rate, percent .	2.56	2.58	.29	8.91	6	(¹)	1.42	1.37	10.87	2.59
85. Change in total money supply	Jan. '53-Sep. '65	... do ...	3.15	3.17	.33	9.61	6	(¹)	1.39	1.39	10.87	2.47
33. Change in mortgage debt.....	Jan. '55-Dec. '66	Ann. rate, bil. dol..	1.31	1.22	.34	3.58	4	.93	1.52	1.39	11.92	2.69
*113. Change in consumer installment debt	Jan. '53-Sep. '65	...do ...	.87	.79	.31	2.56	3	.92	1.65	1.49	10.13	3.13
112. Change in business loans.....	Aug. '59-Dec. '66	...do ...	2.22	2.10	.46	4.56	6	.90	1.60	1.66	8.00	4.15
ROUGHLY COINCIDENT INDICATORS												
93. Free reserves	Jan. '53-Sep. '65	Mil. dol ..	98.01	78.89	46.86	1.68	3	.68	2.03	1.60	10.13	3.49
OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES												
88. Merchandise trade balance.....	Jan. '53-June '62	... do ...	58.44	55.87	17.28	3.23	3	.97	1.82	1.61	9.42	2.64.

Quarterly series	Period covered	Unit of measure	CI	I	C	I/C	QCD	I/C for QCD span	Average duration of run (ADR)			
									CI	I	C	QCD
LEADING INDICATORS												
21. Change in business inventories, all industries.....	1Q'53-1Q'66....	Ann. rate, bil. dol..	2.28	1.43	1.37	1.04	2	.48	1.73	1.37	4.00	2.83
OTHER SELECTED U.S. SERIES												
89. U.S. balance of payments:												
a. Liquidity balance basis.....	1Q'53-IIIQ'65...	Mil. dol ..	340.64	225.64	216.94	1.04	2	.45	1.67	1.25	3.13	2.72
b. Official settlements basis	1Q'60-1Q'66....	... do ...	492.17	302.66	286.13	1.06	2	.55	2.00	1.41	2.67	2.56
95. Fed. balance, nat'l. income and product acct...	1Q'53-1Q'66....	Ann. rate, bil. dol..	2.50	1.37	1.81	.76	1	.76	2.17	1.37	3.71	2.17
84. Federal cash surplus or deficit.....	1Q'53-1Q'67....	...do...	4.79	3.37	2.26	1.49	2	.71	1.87	1.33	2.80	2.29

*Series included in the 1966 NBER "short list" of 25 indicators.

¹Not shown for series when MCD is "6" or more.

The measures in the above table are computed by an additive method to avoid the distortion caused by zero and negative data. Thus, "CI" is the average month-to-month (or quarter-to-quarter) change in the seasonally adjusted series. This average is computed without regard to sign and is expressed in the same unit of measure as the series itself. "C" is the same for the cyclical component, which is a moving average of the

seasonally adjusted series. "I" is the same for the irregular component, which is determined by subtracting the cyclical component from the seasonally adjusted series.

All other measures shown above have the same meaning as in part 1.

Appendix D.—CURRENT ADJUSTMENT FACTORS FOR BUSINESS CYCLE SERIES (NOVEMBER 1966 TO DECEMBER 1967)

Series	1966		1967											
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
5. Average weekly initial claims, State unemployment insurance	105.3	139.0	146.3	109.1	92.7	91.5	79.2	81.2	106.2	85.7	76.9	86.8	105.4	139.0
13. New business incorporations ¹	86.3	99.3	112.0	95.2	117.2	98.5	106.1	104.4	95.9	99.7	88.1	96.2	86.3	99.3
14. Liabilities of business failures	91.3	83.2	91.2	102.0	109.6	93.7	100.4	120.0	113.1	110.8	100.9	83.3	90.6	83.2
18. Profits per dollar of sales, manufacturing ²	99.8	...	...	97.4	...	...	106.1	...	...	96.7	...	...	99.7	...
30. Nonagricultural placements, all industries ¹	96.7	80.2	82.3	78.4	92.6	100.4	113.1	110.3	100.7	113.4	118.4	113.8	95.5	80.2
33. Net change in mortgage debt held by financial institutions and life insurance companies ³	-96.	309.	-336.	-390.	-13.	9.	25.	153.	135.	151.	44.	11.	-98.	315.
37. Purchased materials, percent of companies reporting higher inventories	88.7	89.8	101.9	106.6	107.7	114.4	107.8	101.6	100.3	97.8	96.1	87.0	88.4	89.8
39. Delinquency rate, 30 days and over, total installment loans ⁴ .....	...	109.4	...	109.5	...	91.9	...	92.1	...	98.8	...	97.3	...	109.4
72. Commercial and industrial loans outstanding	100.0	101.7	99.3	99.8	101.3	99.9	99.9	100.7	99.0	98.8	100.1	99.2	99.9	101.7
90. Defense Department obligations, procurement	88.2	100.2	75.7	67.8	101.1	105.0	95.3	200.1	72.8	99.3	99.8	92.9	88.2	100.2
91. Defense Department obligations, total	89.9	97.2	91.9	80.0	100.1	99.3	90.0	145.7	109.1	97.6	102.4	96.2	89.9	97.2
92. Military contract awards in U.S.	79.8	91.6	93.9	82.6	96.4	91.6	90.1	184.2	94.4	90.7	111.5	94.3	79.7	91.8
112. Change in business loans ⁵	99.9	100.9	100.3	99.6	100.6	100.3	100.2	100.2	99.6	99.2	99.4	99.6	99.9	100.8
301. Nonagricultural job openings unfilled	93.9	80.1	83.8	86.0	95.2	109.0	120.3	104.3	101.8	111.9	110.2	103.4	93.9	80.1
856. Ratio, average earnings to consumer prices	100.1	100.5	100.5	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.0	99.6	98.9	99.9	99.7	100.1	100.5
857. Vacancy rate in rental housing ¹	101.4	...	...	100.8	...	...	98.6	...	...	99.3	...	...	101.4	...
862. Index of export orders, nonelectrical machinery	98.6	99.1	101.5	105.2	104.9	103.1	100.4	100.8	94.4	94.4	98.6	98.7	98.9	99.1
D34. Profits, manufacturing (FNCR) ⁶ .....	...	...	-15	...	...	+18	...	...	-10	...	...	+6	...	...

NOTE: These data are not published by the source agency in seasonally adjusted form. Seasonal adjustments were made by the Bureau of the Census or the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc. They are kept current by the Bureau of the Census. Seasonally adjusted data prepared by the source agency will be substituted whenever they are published. For a description of the method used to compute these factors, see Bureau of the Census Technical Paper No. 15, The X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program.

¹Factors are products of seasonal and trading-day factors. Seasonally adjusted data resulting from the application of these combined factors may differ slightly from those obtained by separate applications of seasonal and trading-day factors due to rounding.

²Quarterly series; figures are placed in middle month of quarter.

³These quantities, in millions of dollars, are to be subtracted from the month-to-month net change in the unadjusted monthly totals to yield the seasonally adjusted net change. They were computed by the additive version of the X-11 variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment program.

⁴Bimonthly series. Data are for even-numbered months (February, April, June, etc.).

⁵Factors apply to monthly totals before month-to-month changes are computed.

⁶1-quarter diffusion index: Figures are placed on the 1st month of the quarter. The unadjusted diffusion index is computed and the factors, computed by the additive version of the X-11 variant of the Census Method II seasonal adjustment program, are subtracted to yield the seasonally adjusted index.

Appendix E.—PERCENT CHANGE FOR SELECTED SERIES OVER CONTRACTION AND EXPANSION PERIODS OF BUSINESS CYCLES: 1920 TO 1961

Contractions: Reference peak to reference trough	Percent change: Reference peak to reference trough							*43. Unemployment rate, total		
	*41. Em- ployees in non- agri. es- tablish- ments	*47. Index of indus- trial produc- tion	*50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q) ¹	49. GNP in cur- rent dollars (Q) ¹	*52. Per- sonal income	*816. Manu- facturing and trade sales	*54. Sales of retail stores	Change in rate, peak to trough	Rate at peak	Rate at trough
Jan. 1920-July 1921.....	(NA)	-31.6	(NA)	-19.7	-21.9	(NA)	-4.3	² +7.9	² 4.0	² 11.9
May 1923-July 1924.....	(NA)	-18.0	-0.3	-2.3	0.0	(NA)	-1.9	² +2.3	² 3.2	² 5.5
Oct. 1926-Nov. 1927.....	(NA)	-5.9	+2.3	+0.4	+0.9	(NA)	0.0	² +2.2	² 1.9	² 4.1
Aug. 1929-Mar. 1933.....	-31.6	-51.8	-28.0	-49.6	-50.8	(NA)	-43.5	+25.4	³ 0.0	25.4
May 1937-June 1938.....	-10.4	-31.7	-8.9	-11.9	-10.9	(NA)	-17.3	+8.8	11.2	20.0
Feb. 1945-Oct. 1945 ⁴	-7.9	-31.4	(NA)	-10.9	-4.0	(NA)	+8.6	+2.2	1.1	3.3
Nov. 1948-Oct. 1949.....	-5.1	-8.5	-1.6	-3.4	-4.7	-7.5	-0.5	+4.1	³ 3.8	7.9
July 1953-Aug. 1954 ⁵	-3.4	-9.1	-2.2	-0.8	0.0	-7.2	-0.5	+3.4	2.6	6.0
July 1957-Apr. 1958.....	-3.9	-14.1	-3.4	-1.8	+0.2	-6.8	-2.4	+3.2	4.2	7.4
May 1960-Feb. 1961.....	-1.9	-5.7	-1.4	-0.2	+0.9	-3.1	-2.7	+1.8	5.1	6.9
Median: ⁶										
All contractions.....	-5.6	-16.0	-1.9	-2.8	-2.0	-7.0	-2.2	+3.3	3.5	7.2
Excluding postwar contractions..	-6.5	-16.0	-2.1	-2.8	-2.4	-5.8	-2.6	+3.6	3.9	7.6
4 contractions since 1948.....	-3.6	-8.8	-1.9	-1.3	+0.1	-7.0	-1.4	+3.3	4.0	7.2
Expansions: Reference trough to reference peak	Percent change: Reference trough to reference peak							*43. Unemployment rate, total		
	*41. Em- ployees in non- agri. es- tablish- ments	*47. Index of indus- trial produc- tion	*50. GNP in 1958 dollars (Q) ¹	49. GNP in cur- rent dollars (Q) ¹	*52. Per- sonal income	*816. Manu- facturing and trade sales	*54. Sales of retail stores	Change in rate, trough to peak	Rate at trough	Rate at peak
July 1921-May 1923.....	(NA)	+64.2	(NA)	+25.1	+29.6	(NA)	+15.7	² -8.7	² 11.9	² 3.2
July 1924-Oct. 1926.....	(NA)	+30.4	+12.4	+14.7	+13.2	(NA)	+9.9	² -3.6	² 5.5	² 1.9
Nov. 1927-Aug. 1929.....	(NA)	+24.1	+12.6	+13.3	+12.2	(NA)	+3.6	² -0.9	² 4.1	² 3.2
Mar. 1933-May 1937.....	+40.2	+119.9	+42.1	+73.9	+76.3	(NA)	+69.2	-14.2	25.4	11.2
June 1938-Feb. 1945 ⁴	+45.9	+183.3	(NA)	169.6	+157.3	(NA)	+105.4	-18.9	20.0	1.1
Oct. 1945-Nov. 1948.....	+17.2	+21.9	+3.3	+34.9	+28.5	(NA)	+63.8	+0.3	3.3	³ 3.6
Oct. 1949-July 1953 ⁵	+17.8	+50.0	+28.8	+44.1	+41.4	+50.0	+25.6	-5.3	7.9	2.6
Aug. 1954-July 1957.....	+8.9	+19.7	+11.8	+22.4	+22.1	+22.6	+20.3	-1.8	6.0	4.2
Apr. 1958-May 1960.....	+6.9	+25.2	+11.4	+15.1	+13.3	+16.2	+11.9	-2.3	7.4	5.1
Median: ⁶										
All expansions.....	+17.5	+35.2	+12.3	+27.5	+26.7	+29.6	+20.5	-3.7	7.1	3.3
Excluding wartime expansions..	+13.0	+26.6	+12.1	+20.9	+21.3	+19.4	+16.0	-2.6	6.3	3.7
4 expansions since 1945.....	+13.0	+23.6	+11.6	+28.6	+25.3	(NA)	+23.0	-2.0	6.7	3.9

NOTE: For series with a "months for cyclical dominance" (MCD) of "1" or "2" (series 41, 43, 47, 52, and 816), the figure for the reference peak (trough) month is used as the base. For series with an MCD of "3" or more (series 54), the average of the 3 months centered on the reference peak (trough) month is used as the base. The base for quarterly series (series 49 and 50) is the reference peak (trough) quarter. See also MCD footnote to appendix C. *Series included in the 1966 NBER "short list" of 25 indicators. NA=Not available.

¹The most recent quarterly reference dates are as follows: 2d quarter 1958 (trough); 2d quarter 1960 (peak); and 1st quarter 1961 (trough). For earlier dates, see *Business Cycle Indicators* (NBER) vol. 1, p.670.

²Based on average for the calendar year.

³Differs from figure for same date in expansion (contraction) part of table because of change in series used.

⁴World War II contraction or expansion period.

⁵Korean War contraction or expansion period.

⁶The median is an average of the middle 2 or 3 items.

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

Appendix F.—HISTORICAL DATA FOR SELECTED SERIES

Historical data and latest revisions are presented when available. See the Series Finding Guide for the publication date of the latest historical data for each series. Current data are shown in tables 2 and 4. Data are seasonally adjusted.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
7. New private nonfarm housing units started (Annual rate, thousands)												
1946....	1,040	1,085	1,167	1,057	1,028	985	972	1,007	958	974	957	991
1947....	1,052	1,074	1,032	1,039	1,090	1,174	1,252	1,355	1,532	1,571	1,557	1,447
1948....	1,385	1,200	1,379	1,501	1,450	1,441	1,419	1,329	1,303	1,190	1,196	1,218
1949....	1,196	1,137	1,171	1,292	1,319	1,341	1,384	1,500	1,603	1,662	1,785	1,824
1950....	1,883	1,834	1,976	1,945	2,052	2,042	2,051	2,121	1,821	1,605	1,561	1,900
1951....	1,928	1,638	1,481	1,352	1,359	1,419	1,257	1,334	1,456	1,386	1,324	1,330
1952....	1,388	1,516	1,483	1,412	1,408	1,353	1,438	1,443	1,483	1,513	1,475	1,476
1953....	1,484	1,460	1,506	1,498	1,425	1,380	1,346	1,324	1,348	1,342	1,383	1,343
1954....	1,358	1,417	1,411	1,433	1,412	1,498	1,559	1,563	1,618	1,610	1,730	1,807
1955....	1,757	1,664	1,684	1,708	1,730	1,704	1,632	1,625	1,580	1,490	1,434	1,431
1956....	1,441	1,444	1,401	1,408	1,375	1,325	1,289	1,313	1,234	1,266	1,212	1,184
1957....	1,151	1,168	1,173	1,147	1,174	1,175	1,191	1,193	1,191	1,204	1,162	1,146
1958....	1,170	1,107	1,108	1,154	1,191	1,236	1,337	1,374	1,451	1,472	1,593	1,598
1959....	1,562	1,512	1,561	1,578	1,481	1,498	1,525	1,395	1,567	1,332	1,344	1,531
1960....	1,444	1,508	1,107	1,267	1,271	1,213	1,195	1,365	1,084	1,144	1,251	1,037
1961....	1,266	1,217	1,270	1,136	1,223	1,333	1,304	1,315	1,425	1,309	1,377	1,336
1962....	1,470	1,296	1,422	1,494	1,515	1,365	1,409	1,531	1,300	1,410	1,634	1,521
1963....	1,244	1,474	1,482	1,615	1,644	1,534	1,611	1,555	1,709	1,833	1,531	1,499
1964....	1,612	1,819	1,534	1,390	1,456	1,562	1,517	1,463	1,395	1,546	1,480	1,458
1965....	1,384	1,418	1,429	1,432	1,461	1,476	1,484	1,382	1,453	1,438	1,443	1,544
11. Newly approved capital appropriations, 1,000 manufacturing corporations (Bil. dol.)												
1949....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1950....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1951....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1952....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1953....	...	1.77	...	...	2.06	...	...	2.29	...	...	2.05	...
1954....	...	1.86	...	...	1.84	...	...	1.87	...	...	2.28	...
1955....	...	2.69	...	...	3.26	...	...	3.90	...	...	4.01	...
1956....	...	4.04	...	...	3.71	...	...	3.38	...	...	3.43	...
1957....	...	3.61	...	...	3.21	...	...	2.43	...	...	2.33	...
1958....	...	1.95	...	...	1.94	...	...	2.20	...	...	2.23	...
1959....	...	2.69	...	...	2.94	...	...	3.13	...	...	3.13	...
1960....	...	2.87	...	...	2.52	...	...	2.27	...	...	2.71	...
1961....	...	2.39	...	...	2.46	...	...	2.72	...	...	2.70	...
1962....	...	2.99	...	...	2.52	...	...	2.82	...	...	3.15	...
1963....	...	2.76	...	...	3.27	...	...	3.66	...	...	3.94	...
1964....	...	4.12	...	...	4.66	...	...	4.91	...	...	4.34	...
1965....	...	5.03	...	...	5.51	...	...	5.62	...	...	6.11	...
92. Military prime contract awards to U.S. business firms and institutions (Mil. dol.) ¹												
1949....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1950....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1951....	3,976	3,493	3,001	2,892	3,760	2,759	4,097	4,241	2,333	2,823	3,462	3,399
1952....	2,528	5,479	2,959	2,088	3,059	4,292	1,158	1,002	2,116	2,143	3,295	3,148
1953....	3,682	2,295	2,381	2,462	2,038	2,042	2,035	1,089	1,004	959	265	390
1954....	616	564	826	1,068	1,326	1,116	886	767	2,454	2,271	481	913
1955....	1,049	1,306	1,028	1,468	841	1,287	971	1,231	597	1,136	1,310	2,194
1956....	1,474	1,388	1,502	1,404	1,782	2,024	1,196	2,108	2,091	1,972	1,934	1,891
1957....	1,756	1,927	1,563	2,312	808	1,093	1,619	1,310	1,297	1,594	1,819	1,671
1958....	2,103	1,232	2,243	2,142	3,043	2,228	1,511	1,692	2,308	1,880	1,704	2,328
1959....	1,625	1,898	1,966	2,204	1,893	2,222	2,192	1,964	1,793	1,937	2,102	1,298
1960....	1,850	1,754	1,904	1,726	2,252	1,963	2,151	2,200	2,250	1,327	1,938	1,922
1961....	1,989	2,186	1,987	2,274	1,855	2,229	1,993	2,143	2,033	2,494	2,308	2,491
1962....	3,271	2,180	2,552	2,295	2,140	2,127	1,888	2,167	2,032	2,814	2,946	2,044
1963....	2,429	2,611	2,463	2,023	2,413	2,366	2,216	2,722	2,635	2,119	1,814	2,149
1964....	2,372	2,958	1,966	2,502	2,640	1,910	2,580	1,963	2,163	1,967	2,075	1,997
1965....	2,097	1,846	2,451	2,843	2,150	2,390	2,313	2,775	2,419	2,790	2,995	2,988

¹Data for January 1951 through June 1955 include contract awards to U.S. business firms only. Beginning with July 1955, data include contracts awarded to U.S. business firms and institutions.

Appendix F.--HISTORICAL DATA FOR SELECTED SERIES--Continued

Historical data and latest revisions are presented when available. See the Series Finding Guide for the publication date of the latest historical data for each series. Current data are shown in tables 2 and 4. Data are seasonally adjusted.

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
97. Backlog of capital appropriations, 1,000 manufacturing corporations (Bil. dol.)												
1948.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1949.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1950.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1951.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1952.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1953.....	...	...	6.33	...	...	6.18	...	...	6.28	...	...	6.13
1954.....	...	...	5.77	...	...	5.41	...	...	5.17	...	...	5.34
1955.....	...	...	5.98	...	...	7.15	...	...	8.78	...	...	10.37
1956.....	...	...	11.67	...	...	12.35	...	...	12.49	...	...	12.44
1957.....	...	...	12.47	...	...	12.00	...	...	10.82	...	...	9.65
1958.....	...	...	8.47	...	...	7.76	...	...	7.61	...	...	7.59
1959.....	...	...	8.04	...	...	8.65	...	...	9.33	...	...	9.93
1960.....	...	...	10.02	...	...	9.61	...	...	9.02	...	...	8.93
1961.....	...	...	8.65	...	...	8.48	...	...	8.59	...	...	8.59
1962.....	...	...	8.83	...	...	8.71	...	...	8.69	...	...	9.06
1963.....	...	...	9.09	...	...	9.57	...	...	10.18	...	...	11.01
1964.....	...	...	11.85	...	...	12.94	...	...	14.21	...	...	14.49
1965.....	...	...	15.26	...	...	16.35	...	...	17.30	...	...	18.38
D11. Diffusion index for newly approved capital appropriations--17 manufacturing industries (1-qtr. span)												
1948.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1949.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1950.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1951.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1952.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1953.....	...	...	...	71	...	...	47	...	...	35	...	...
1954.....	38	...	...	59	...	...	41	...	...	65	...	...
1955.....	88	...	...	59	...	...	88	...	...	47	...	...
1956.....	65	...	...	35	...	...	35	...	...	53	...	...
1957.....	47	...	...	41	...	...	24	...	...	53	...	...
1958.....	26	...	...	47	...	...	74	...	...	59	...	...
1959.....	53	...	...	76	...	...	68	...	...	35	...	...
1960.....	50	...	...	29	...	...	32	...	...	65	...	...
1961.....	53	...	...	59	...	...	76	...	...	47	...	...
1962.....	59	...	...	47	...	...	59	...	...	71	...	...
1963.....	41	...	...	65	...	...	68	...	...	65	...	...
1964.....	53	...	...	76	...	...	59	...	...	35	...	...
1965.....	88	...	...	71	...	...	65	...	...	59	...	...
D11. Diffusion index for newly approved capital appropriations--17 manufacturing industries (3-qtr. span)												
1948.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1949.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1950.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1951.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1952.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1953.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	...	...	47	...	...
1954.....	29	...	...	50	...	...	59	...	...	82	...	...
1955.....	94	...	...	88	...	...	82	...	...	76	...	...
1956.....	68	...	...	53	...	...	44	...	...	38	...	...
1957.....	35	...	...	24	...	...	18	...	...	6	...	...
1958.....	18	...	...	47	...	...	74	...	...	94	...	...
1959.....	82	...	...	88	...	...	82	...	...	47	...	...
1960.....	15	...	...	6	...	...	32	...	...	56	...	...
1961.....	59	65	71	65
1962.....	38	65	53	68
1963.....	71	71	82	82
1964.....	88	59	65	68
1965.....	82	82	82	76

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I. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT															
*1. Avg. workweek, production workers, mfg.	L ...	9	-	62	6	31	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	72	Sept. '66	
*30. Nonagricultural placements, all indus.	L ...	9	-	-	6	31	-	-	68-9	70	74	-	66	Oct. '63 ¹	
2. Accession rate, manufacturing.	L ...	9	-	-	6	31	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	Sept. '66	
5. Initial claims, State unemploy. insurance.	L ...	9	-	-	6	31	-	-	-	70	74	-	66	July '63 ¹	
3. Layoff rate, manufacturing.	L ...	9	-	-	6	31	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	Sept. '66	
301. Nonagri. job openings unfilled.	C ...	17	-	-	7	36	-	-	-	70	74	-	76	Apr. '67	
46. Help-wanted advertising.	C ...	17	-	-	7	36	-	-	-	70	-	-	66	Feb. '64 ¹	
511. Man-hours in nonagri. establishments.	C ...	17	-	-	7	36	-	-	-	70	-	-	77	Apr. '67	
*41. Employees in nonagri. establishments.	C ...	17	-	64	7	36	-	-	68-9	70	-	75	72	Sept. '66	
42. Total nonagricultural employment.	C ...	17	-	-	7	36	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	Feb. '67	
*43. Unemployment rate, total.	C ...	18	-	65	7	36	-	-	68-9	70	-	75	72	Feb. '67	
45. Avg. weekly insured unemploy. rate, State.	C ...	18	-	-	7	36	-	-	-	70	-	-	66	Mar. '64 ¹	
40. Unemployment rate, married males.	C ...	18	-	-	7	36	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	Feb. '67	
*502. Unemploy. rate, 15 weeks and over.	Lg..	22	-	-	7	39	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	76	Apr. '67	
II. PRODUCTION, INCOME, CONSUMPTION, AND TRADE															
49. GNP in current dollars.	C ...	18	-	-	7	37	-	-	-	71	-	75	73	July '67	
*50. GNP in 1958 dollars.	C ...	18	-	64	7	37	-	-	68-9	71	-	75	73	July '67	
*47. Industrial production.	C ...	18	-	64	7	37	-	-	68-9	70	-	75	70	Sept. '64	
*52. Personal income.	C ...	19	-	-	7	37	-	-	68-9	70	-	75	74	July '67	
53. Wages and salaries, mining, mfg., constr.	C ...	19	-	-	7	37	-	-	-	70	-	-	74	July '67	
*816. Manufacturing and trade sales.	C ...	19	-	64	7	37	-	-	68-9	70	-	75	77	Apr. '67	
57. Final sales.	C ...	19	-	-	7	37	-	-	-	71	-	-	74	July '67	
*54. Sales of retail stores.	C ...	19	-	-	7	37	-	-	68-9	70	-	75	72	Apr. '66	
III. FIXED CAPITAL INVESTMENT															
*38. Index of net business formation.	L ...	10	-	-	6	31	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	74	June '65	
13. New business incorporations.	L ...	10	-	-	6	31	-	-	-	70	74	-	66	Aug. '63 ¹	
*6. New orders, durable goods industries.	L ...	10	-	62	6	32	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	78	June '67	
94. Construction contracts, value.	L ...	10	-	-	6	32	-	-	-	70	-	-	-	-	
*10. Contracts and orders, plant and equipment.	L ...	10	-	-	6	32	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	78	May '67	
11. New capital appropriations, mfg.	L ...	11	-	-	6	32	-	-	-	71	-	-	76	Aug. '67	
24. New orders, mach. and equip. industries.	L ...	11	-	-	6	32	-	-	-	70	-	-	66	Dec. '63 ¹	
9. Construction contracts, comm. and indus.	L ...	11	-	-	6	32	-	-	-	70	-	-	78	May '67	
7. Private nonfarm housing starts.	L ...	11	-	-	6	32	-	-	-	70	-	-	76	Aug. '67	
*29. New building permits, private housing.	L ...	11	-	62	6	32	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	74	June '65	
96. Unfilled orders, durable goods industries.	C ...	20	-	-	7	38	-	-	-	70	-	-	66	June '64	
97. Backlog of capital appropriations, mfg.	C ...	20	-	-	7	38	-	-	-	71	-	-	77	Aug. '67	
*61. Bus. expenditures, new plant and equip.	Lg..	22	-	65	7	39	-	-	68-9	72	-	-	65	June '64	
505. Mach. and equip. sales and bus. constr. expend.	Lg..	22	-	-	7	39	-	-	-	70	-	-	76	Apr. '67	
IV. INVENTORIES AND INVENTORY INVESTMENT															
21. Change in business inventories.	L ...	12	-	-	6	33	-	-	-	73	-	-	72	July '67	
*31. Change, mfg. and trade inventories.	L ...	12	-	62	6	33	-	-	68-9	73	-	-	72	Nov. '66	
37. Purchased materials, higher inventories.	L ...	12	-	-	6	33	-	-	-	70	74	-	68	June '63 ¹	
20. Change, mtls. and supplies inventories.	L ...	12	-	-	6	33	-	-	-	73	-	-	64	June '64	
26. Buying policy, production materials.	L ...	12	-	-	6	33	-	-	-	70	-	-	65	June '64	
32. Vendor performance, stower deliveries.	L ...	13	-	-	6	33	-	-	-	70	-	-	66	Mar. '64 ¹	
25. Change in unfilled orders, durable goods.	L ...	13	-	-	6	33	-	-	-	73	-	-	66	Dec. '63 ¹	
*71. Book value, mfg. and trade inventories.	Lg..	22	-	66	7	39	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	73	Apr. '67	
65. Mfrs.' inventories, finished goods, book value.	Lg..	22	-	-	7	39	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	Apr. '67	

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V. PRICES, COSTS, AND PROFITS														
*23. Industrial materials prices	L . . .	13	-	63	6	34	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	66	Jan. '64 ¹
*19. Stock prices, 500 common stocks	L . . .	13	-	63	6	34	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	66	Apr. '64 ¹
*16. Corporate profits after taxes	L . . .	14	-	-	6	34	-	-	68-9	71	-	-	72	July '67
22. Ratio, profits to income originating, corporate	L . . .	14	-	-	6	34	-	-	-	71	-	-	73	July '67
18. Profits per dollar of sales, mfg	L . . .	14	-	-	6	34	-	-	-	71	74	-	71	Apr. '67
*17. Ratio, price to unit labor cost, mfg	L . . .	14	-	63	6	34	-	-	68-9	70	-	-	72	July '67
55. Wholesale price index, industrial commodities	C . . .	20	-	65	7	38	-	-	-	70	-	-	73	Feb. '67
58. Wholesale price index, manufactured goods	C . . .	20	-	-	7	38	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	Apr. '67
68. Labor cost per unit of gross product, nonfin. corporations	Lg. . .	23	-	-	8	40	-	-	-	72	-	-	75	July '67
*62. Labor cost per unit of output, mfg.	Lg. . .	23	-	66	8	40	-	-	68-9	71	-	-	75	July '67
81. Consumer prices	U . . .	24	-	-	8	41	-	-	-	71	-	-	73	Feb. '67
VI. MONEY AND CREDIT														
98. Change, money supply and time deposits	L . . .	15	-	66	6	35	-	-	-	73	-	-	73	Nov. '66
85. Change, total U.S. money supply	L . . .	15	-	-	6	35	-	-	-	73	-	-	72	Nov. '66
33. Change, mortgage debt	L . . .	15	-	-	6	35	-	-	-	73	74	-	71	Apr. '67
*113. Change, consumer installment debt ²	L . . .	15	-	63	6	35	-	-	68-9	73	-	-	71	July '64
112. Change, business loans ²	L . . .	15	-	-	6	35	-	-	-	73	74	-	75	Apr. '67
110. Total private borrowing ²	L . . .	16	-	-	6	35	-	-	-	71	-	-	73	Feb. '67
14. Liabilities of business failures	L . . .	16	-	-	6	35	-	-	-	70	74	-	66	Nov. '63 ¹
39. Delinquency rate, instal. loans, 30 days and over	L . . .	16	-	-	6	35	-	-	-	70	74	-	71	Apr. '67
93. Free reserves	C . . .	21	-	-	7	38	-	-	-	73	-	-	66	Oct. '64
114. Treasury bill rate ²	C . . .	21	-	-	7	38	-	-	-	70	-	-	71	July '64
116. Corporate bond yields ²	C . . .	21	-	-	7	38	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	Aug. '66
115. Treasury bond yields ²	C . . .	21	-	-	7	38	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	July '64
117. Municipal bond yields ²	C . . .	21	-	-	7	38	-	-	-	70	-	-	72	July '64
66. Consumer installment debt	Lg. . .	23	-	-	8	40	-	-	-	71	-	-	70	Aug. '64
*72. Comm. and indus. loans outstanding	Lg. . .	23	-	-	8	40	-	-	68-9	71	74	-	73	Apr. '67
*67. Bank rates on short-term business loans	Lg. . .	23	-	65	8	40	-	-	68-9	72	-	-	70	Aug. '64
118. Mortgage yields, residential ²	Lg. . .	23	-	-	8	40	-	-	-	71	-	-	72	July '64
VII. FOREIGN TRADE AND PAYMENTS														
89. U.S. balance of payments:														
a. Liquidity balance basis	U . . .	24	-	-	8	41	-	-	-	73	-	-	79	June '67
b. Official settlements basis	U . . .	24	-	-	8	41	-	-	-	73	-	-	79	June '67
88. Merchandise trade balance	U . . .	24	-	-	8	41	-	-	-	73	-	-	74	Apr. '67
86. Exports, excluding military aid	U . . .	25	-	-	8	41	-	-	-	71	-	-	73	Apr. '67
861. Export orders, durable goods, except motor vehicles	U . . .	25	-	-	8	41	-	-	-	71	-	-	77	Apr. '67
862. Export orders, nonelectric machinery	U . . .	25	-	-	8	41	-	-	-	71	74	-	78	Apr. '67
87. General imports	U . . .	25	-	-	8	41	-	-	-	71	-	-	74	Apr. '67
VIII. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES														
95. Fed. balance, nat'l. income and prod. account	U . . .	26	-	66	8	42	-	-	-	73	-	-	76	July '67
84. Federal cash surplus or deficit	U . . .	26	-	-	8	42	-	-	-	73	-	-	79	June '67
83. Federal cash receipts from public	U . . .	26	-	-	8	42	-	-	-	72	-	-	78	June '67
82. Federal cash payments to public	U . . .	26	-	-	8	42	-	-	-	72	-	-	78	June '67
101. National defense purchases, current dollars	U . . .	27	-	-	8	42	-	-	-	72	-	-	76	July '67
91. Defense Department obligations, total	U . . .	27	-	-	8	42	-	-	-	71	74	-	70	Sept. '64
90. Defense Dept. obligations, procurement	U . . .	27	-	-	8	42	-	-	-	71	74	-	70	Sept. '64
99. New orders, defense products	U . . .	27	-	-	8	42	-	-	-	71	-	-	66	Oct. '64
92. Military contract awards in U.S.	U . . .	27	-	-	8	42	-	-	-	71	74	-	76	Aug. '67
U.S. SERIES UNDER CONSIDERATION														
850. Ratio, output to capacity, mfg.	U . . .	28	-	-	8	43	-	-	-	72	-	-	77	July '67
851. Ratio, inventories to sales, mfg. and trade	U . . .	28	-	-	8	43	-	-	-	71	-	-	77	July '67
852. Ratio, unfilled orders to shipments durable goods	U . . .	28	-	-	8	43	-	-	-	71	-	-	77	July '67
853. Ratio, prod. of bus. equipment to consumer goods	U . . .	28	-	-	8	43	-	-	-	71	-	-	78	July '67
854. Ratio, personal saving to disposable personal income	U . . .	29	-	-	8	43	-	-	-	72	-	-	78	July '67
855. Ratio, nonagri. job openings unfilled to unemployed	U . . .	29	-	-	8	43	-	-	-	71	-	-	78	July '67
856. Ratio, avg. earnings to consumer prices	U . . .	29	-	-	8	43	-	-	-	71	74	-	79	July '67
857. Vacancy rate in rental housing	U . . .	29	-	-	8	43	-	-	-	72	74	-	79	July '67

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123. Industrial production, Canada.....	U....	30	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	71	-	-	76	July '67	
122. Industrial production, United Kingdom	U....	30	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	71	-	-	67	Oct. '64	
121. Industrial production, OECD--Europe	U....	30	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	71	-	-	75	Apr. '67	
125. Industrial production, West Germany.....	U....	30	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	71	-	-	67	Oct. '64	
128. Industrial production, Japan.....	U....	30	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	71	-	-	68	Oct. '64	
126. Industrial production, France.....	U....	30	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	71	-	-	75	Apr. '67	
127. Industrial production, Italy.....	U....	30	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	71	-	-	68	Oct. '64	
DIFFUSION INDEXES															
D1. Average workweek .....	.....	-	47	-	-	-	50	54	-	-	-	-	73	Sept. '66
D6. New orders .....	.....	-	47	-	-	-	50	54	-	-	-	-	72	Apr. '65
D11. Capital appropriations.....	.....	-	47	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	77	Aug. '67
D34. Profits, mfg.....	.....	-	47	-	-	-	51	-	-	74	-	-	69	Oct. '64
D19. Stock prices.....	-	47	-	-	-	51	55	-	-	-	-	72	Apr. '65	
D23. Industrial materials prices.....	-	47	-	-	-	51	56	-	-	-	-	72	Apr. '65	
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D47. Industrial production.....	-	48	-	-	-	52	57	-	-	-	-	73	Apr. '65	
D58. Wholesale prices, mfg.....	-	48	-	-	-	52	58	-	-	-	-	78	Apr. '67	
D54. Retail sales.....	.....	-	48	-	-	-	52	59	-	-	-	-	73	Apr. '65
D35. Net sales, mfrs.....	.....	-	49	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	70	Nov. '64
D36. New orders.....	.....	-	49	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	70	Nov. '64
D48. Freight carloadings.....	-	49	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	68-9	Nov. '64	
D61. New plant and equipment expenditures.....	-	49	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	69	Nov. '64	

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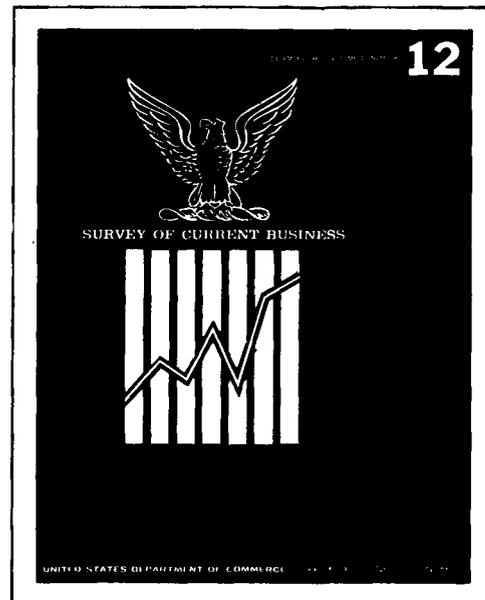
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Titles and Sources of Principal Business Cycle Series and Diffusion Indexes

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36 Leading Indicators

- *1. Average workweek of production workers, manufacturing (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
2. Accession rate, manufacturing (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
3. Layoff rate, manufacturing (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
5. Average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance, State programs (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
- *6. Value of manufacturers' new orders, durable goods industries (M, II).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
7. New private nonfarm housing units started (M, III).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
9. Construction contracts awarded for commercial and industrial buildings, floor space (M, III).--F.W. Dodge Corporation; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
- *10. Contracts and orders for plant and equipment (M, III).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and F.W. Dodge Corporation; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
11. Newly approved capital appropriations, 1,000 manufacturing corporations (Q, III).--National Industrial Conference Board; component industries are seasonally adjusted and added to obtain seasonally adjusted total
13. Number of new business incorporations (M, III).--Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
14. Current liabilities of business failures (M, VI).--Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
- *16. Corporate profits after taxes (Q, V).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
- *17. Price per unit of labor cost index--ratio, wholesale prices of manufactured goods index (unadjusted) to seasonally adjusted index of compensation of employees (sum of wages, salaries, and supplements to wages and salaries) per unit of output (M, V).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics; Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
18. Profits (before taxes) per dollar of sales, all manufacturing corporations (Q, V).--Federal Trade Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
- *19. Index of stock prices, 500 common stocks (M, V).--Standard and Poor's Corporation; no seasonal adjustment
20. Change in book value of manufacturers' inventories of materials and supplies (M, IV).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
21. Change in business inventories, farm and nonfarm, after valuation adjustment (GNP component) (Q, IV).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
22. Ratio of profits (after taxes) to income originating, corporate, all industries (Q, V).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
- *23. Index of industrial materials prices (M, V).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; no seasonal adjustment
24. Value of manufacturers' new orders, machinery and equipment industries (M, III).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
25. Change in manufacturers' unfilled orders, durable goods industries (M, IV).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
26. Buying policy--production materials, percent reporting commitments 60 days or longer (M, IV).--National Association of Purchasing Agents; no seasonal adjustment
- *29. Index of new private housing units authorized by local building permits (M, III).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
- *30. Nonagricultural placements, all industries (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
- *31. Change in book value of manufacturing and trade inventories, total (M, IV).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, and Bureau of the Census
32. Vendor performance, percent reporting slower deliveries (M, IV).--Chicago Purchasing Agents Association; no seasonal adjustment
33. Net change in mortgage debt held by financial institutions and life insurance companies (M, VI).--Institute of Life Insurance, Federal National Mortgage Association, National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, U.S. Savings and Loan League, and Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
37. Percent reporting higher inventories, purchased materials (M, IV).--National Association of Purchasing Agents; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
- *38. Index of net business formation (M, II).--Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., and Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
39. Percent of consumer installment loans delinquent 30 days and over (EOM, VI).--American Bankers Association; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc. (Bimonthly since December 1964)
85. Percent change in total U.S. money supply (demand deposits plus currency) (M, VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
94. Index of construction contracts, total value (M, III).--F.W. Dodge Corporation
98. Percent change in total U.S. money supply (demand deposits and currency) and commercial bank time deposits (M, VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
110. Total funds raised by private nonfinancial borrowers in credit markets (Q, VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
112. Net change in bank loans to businesses (M, VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
- *113. Net change in consumer installment debt (M, VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
42. Total nonagricultural employment, labor force survey (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
- *43. Unemployment rate, total (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
45. Average weekly insured unemployment rate, State programs (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security
46. Index of help-wanted advertising in newspapers (M, I).--National Industrial Conference Board
- *47. Index of industrial production (M, II).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
49. Gross national product in current dollars (Q, II).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
- *50. Gross national product in 1958 dollars (Q, II).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
- *52. Personal income (M, II).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
53. Wage and salary income in mining, manufacturing, and construction (M, II).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
- *54. Sales of retail stores (M, II).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
55. Index of wholesale prices, industrial commodities (M, V).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; no seasonal adjustment
57. Final sales (series 49 minus series 21) (Q, II).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
58. Index of wholesale prices, manufactured goods (M, V).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; no seasonal adjustment
93. Free reserves (member bank excess reserves minus borrowings) (M, VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; no seasonal adjustment
96. Manufacturers' unfilled orders, durable goods industries (EOM, III).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
97. Backlog of capital appropriations, manufacturing (EOQ, III).--National Industrial Conference Board; component industries are seasonally adjusted and added to obtain seasonally adjusted total
114. Discount rate on new issues of 91-day Treasury bills (M, VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; no seasonal adjustment
115. Yield on long-term Treasury bonds (M, VI).--Treasury Department; no seasonal adjustment
116. Yield on new issues of high-grade corporate bonds (M, VI).--First National City Bank of New York and Treasury Department; no seasonal adjustment
117. Yield on municipal bonds, 20-bond average (M, VI).--The Bond Buyer; no seasonal adjustment
301. Nonagricultural job openings unfilled (EOM, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
511. Man-hours in nonagricultural establishments, (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- *816. Manufacturing and trade sales (M, II).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics and Bureau of the Census

11 Lagging Indicators

- *61. Business expenditures on new plant and equipment, total (Q, II).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, and the Securities and Exchange Commission

25 Roughly Coincident Indicators

40. Unemployment rate, married males, spouse present (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
- *41. Number of employees in nonagricultural establishments (M, I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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- *62. Index of labor cost per unit of output, total manufacturing--ratio, index of compensation of employees in manufacturing (the sum of wages and salaries and supplements to wages and salaries) to index of industrial production, manufacturing (M,V).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
65. Book value of manufacturers' inventories of finished goods, all manufacturing industries (EOM,IV).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
66. Consumer installment debt (EOM,VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. FRS seasonally adjusted net change added to seasonally adjusted figure for previous month to obtain current figure
- *67. Bank rates on short-term business loans, 35 cities (Q,VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; no seasonal adjustment
68. Labor cost (current dollars) per unit of gross product (1958 dollars), nonfinancial corporations (ratio of current-dollar compensation of employees to gross corporate product in 1958 dollars) (Q,V).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, National Income Division
- *71. Book value, manufacturing and trade inventories, total (EOM,IV).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics and Bureau of the Census
- *72. Commercial and industrial loans outstanding, weekly reporting large commercial banks (EOM,VI).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
118. Secondary market yields on FHA mortgages (M,VI).--Federal Housing Administration; no seasonal adjustment
- *502. Unemployment rate, 15 weeks and over (M,I).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
505. Manufacturers' machinery and equipment sales and business construction expenditures (industrial and commercial construction put in place) (M,III).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
88. Merchandise trade balance (series 86 minus series 87) (M,VII).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
89. Excess of receipts or payments in U.S. balance of payments (Q,VII).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
90. Defense Department obligations, procurement (M,VIII).--Department of Defense, Fiscal Analysis Division; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
91. Defense Department obligations, total (M,VIII).--Department of Defense, Fiscal Analysis Division; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
92. Military prime contract awards to U.S. business firms and institutions (M,VIII).--Department of Defense, Directorate for Statistical Services; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
95. Federal surplus or deficit, national income and product account (Q,VIII).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
99. New orders, defense products (M,VIII).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
101. Federal purchases of goods and services, national defense (Q,VIII).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
861. Manufacturers' new orders for export, durable goods except motor vehicles and parts (M,VII).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; no seasonal adjustment
862. Index of export orders for nonelectrical machinery (M,VII).--McGraw-Hill, Department of Economics; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
856. Ratio, average hourly earnings of production workers in manufacturing to consumer prices (BCD series 81) (M).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; seasonal adjustment by Bureau of the Census
857. Vacancy rate in rental housing--unoccupied rental housing units as a percent of total rental housing (Q).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
- ### 7 International Comparisons
121. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, European Countries, index of industrial production (M).--Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
122. United Kingdom, index of industrial production (M).--Central Statistical Office (London)
123. Canada, index of industrial production (M).--Dominion Bureau of Statistics (Ottawa)
125. West Germany, index of industrial production (M).--Statistisches Bundesamt (Wiesbaden); seasonally adjusted by OECD
126. France, index of industrial production (M).--Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (Paris)
127. Italy, index of industrial production (M).--Istituto Centrale di Statistica (Rome)
128. Japan, index of industrial production (M).--Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Tokyo)
- ... United States, index of industrial production (M,II).--See series 47
- ### 8 U.S. Series Under Consideration
850. Ratio, output to capacity, mfg. (Q).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Department of Commerce, and McGraw-Hill Economics Department
851. Ratio, inventories (BCD series 71), to sales (BCD series 816), manufacturing and trade total (M).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
852. Ratio, unfilled orders (BCD series 96) to shipments, manufacturers' durable goods (M).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
853. Ratio, production of business equipment to production of consumer goods (index: 1957-59 = 100) (M).--Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. (Based upon components of the Federal Reserve index of industrial production.)
854. Ratio, personal saving to disposable personal income (Q).--Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics
855. Ratio, nonagricultural job opening unfilled (BCD series 301) to number of persons unemployed (M).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security and Bureau of Labor Statistics; and Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
- ### 16 Other Selected U.S. Series
81. Index of consumer prices (M,V).--Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; no seasonal adjustment
82. Federal cash payments to the public (Q,VIII).--Treasury Department, Bureau of Accounts, and Executive Office of the President, Bureau of the Budget
83. Federal cash receipts from the public (Q,VIII).--Treasury Department, Bureau of Accounts, and Executive Office of the President, Bureau of the Budget
84. Federal cash surplus or deficit (Q,VIII).--Treasury Department, Bureau of Accounts, and Executive Office of the President, Bureau of the Budget
86. Exports, excluding military aid shipments, total (M,VII).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
87. General imports, total (M,VII).--Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census
- ### Diffusion Indexes
- The "D" preceding a number indicates a diffusion index. Diffusion indexes and corresponding business cycle series bear the same number and are obtained from the same sources. See sources above for D1, D5, D6, D11, D19, D23, D41, D47, D54, D58, and D61. Sources for other diffusion indexes are as follows:
- D34. Profits, manufacturing, FNCB (Q).--First National City Bank of New York; no seasonal adjustment of series components. Diffusion indexes are seasonally adjusted by Bureau of the Census and National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
- D35. Net sales, total manufactures (Q).--Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.; no seasonal adjustment
- D36. New orders, durable manufactures (Q).--Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.; no seasonal adjustment
- D48. Freight carloadings (Q).--Association of American Railroads; no seasonal adjustment