U.S. FINANCIAL DATA

Week ending November 13, 1968

Most interest rates (pages 8 and 9) have increased since August. Yields on three-month Treasury bills, long-term Government bonds and highest grade Corporate bonds have recovered more than half of the declines of late spring and summer. The bill rate averaged 5.44 per cent during the first half of this week, compared with a low of 4.96 per cent in early August and a high of 5.82 per cent in May. Interest rates on long-term Government bonds averaged 5.32 per cent Tuesday and Wednesday, about halfway between a low of 4.99 per cent in early August and a high of 5.52 per cent in May. Yields on Corporate Aaa bonds reached a low of 5.95 per cent in early September, falling from 6.28 per cent in May, and subsequently have risen to 6.15 per cent. The rising interest rates reflect a strong demand for funds accompanying a continued rapid increase of total demand for goods and services.

Recent increases in interest rates may also reflect, in part, short-term effects of a slower growth of money (page 3) since mid-year. The money stock averaged $191.9 billion during the week ending November 6, up about $1.7 billion from the previous week. However, during the past three months the money stock has increased at a moderate 2.1 per cent annual rate, following a rapid 8 per cent rate from January to July. Recent growth of money is about in line with the 1957 to 1967 trend rate of 2.6 per cent.

Growth of other monetary aggregates has not slowed significantly since mid-year. The monetary base (page 2) has risen at a 5.4 per cent annual rate during the past three months, the same as the 5.4 per cent rate from January to July, but faster than the 1957 to 1967 trend rate of 3.3 per cent. Growth of the money stock plus time deposits (page 4) and of bank credit has accelerated since July, reflecting the rapid rise of time deposits (page 7) during the period. The broad measure of money averaged $390.8 billion during the four weeks ending November 6, up at a 10 per cent annual rate from three months ago.

The more rapid growth of money plus time deposits and bank credit reflects a rechanneling of financial flows through commercial banks following the mid-year declines of market interest rates relative to rates banks may pay on time deposits. Because the recent growth of bank credit has probably been offset by lower credit flows in other markets, it does not necessarily indicate an acceleration in the growth of total credit in the economy nor a rapid expansion of total liquid assets. The slower growth of the money stock, assuming the demand to hold money grew at about an unchanged rate, probably provides less expansive monetary influence. However, if time deposits do not continue to grow at the recent rapid rate, absorbing reserves which might otherwise support demand deposits, it is unlikely that the recent slower pace of money growth will continue, unless the growth in the monetary base also slows significantly.

Rates of change reported in this release are intended to serve as summaries which may be useful in analyzing recent developments.

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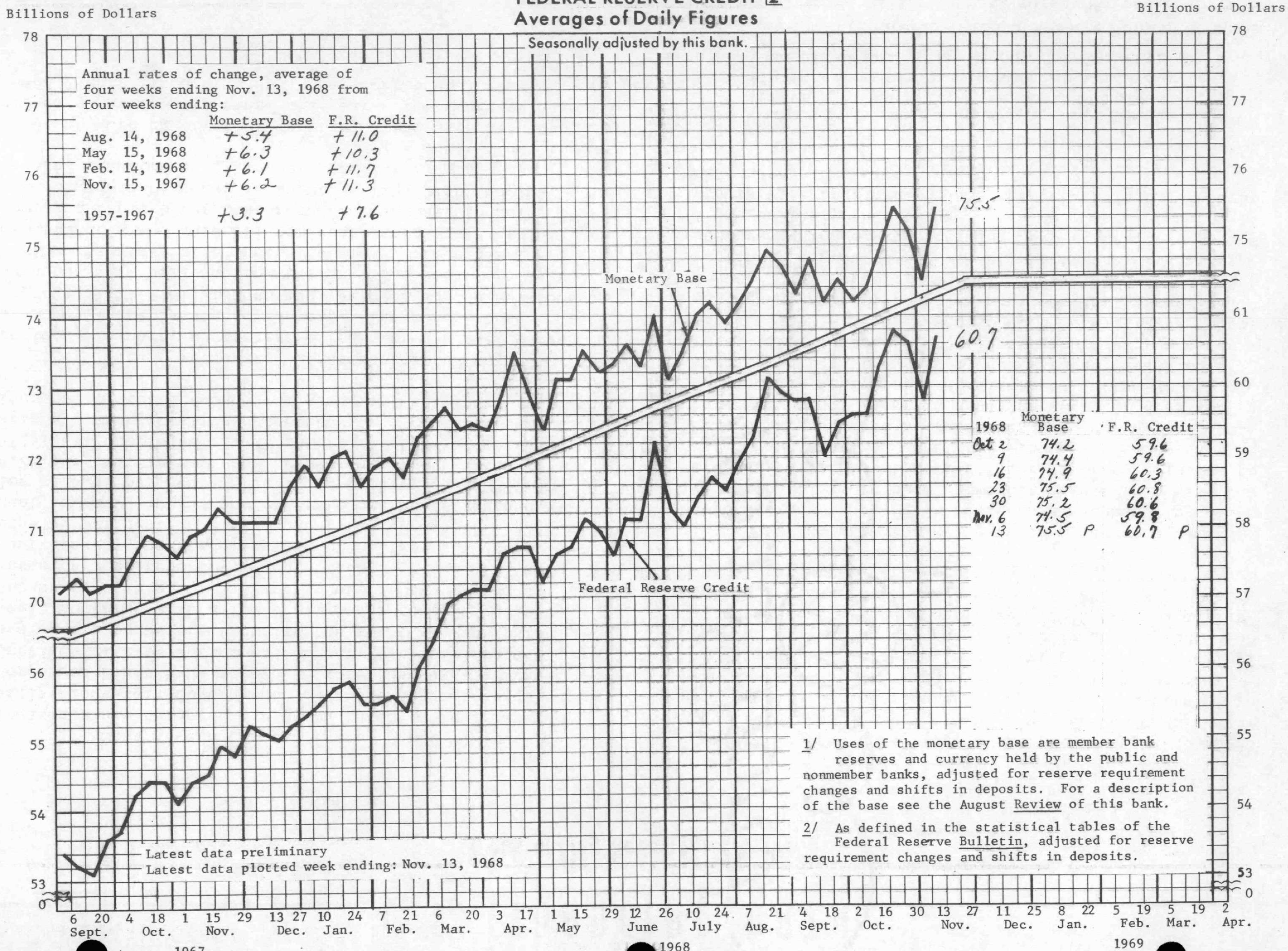
MONETARY BASE 1/
FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT 2/
Averages of Daily Figures

Seasonally adjusted by this bank.



Annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending Nov. 13, 1968 from four weeks ending:

	Monetary Base	F.R. Credit
Aug. 14, 1968	+5.4	+11.0
May 15, 1968	+6.3	+10.3
Feb. 14, 1968	+6.1	+11.7
Nov. 15, 1967	+6.2	+11.3
1957-1967	+3.3	+7.6

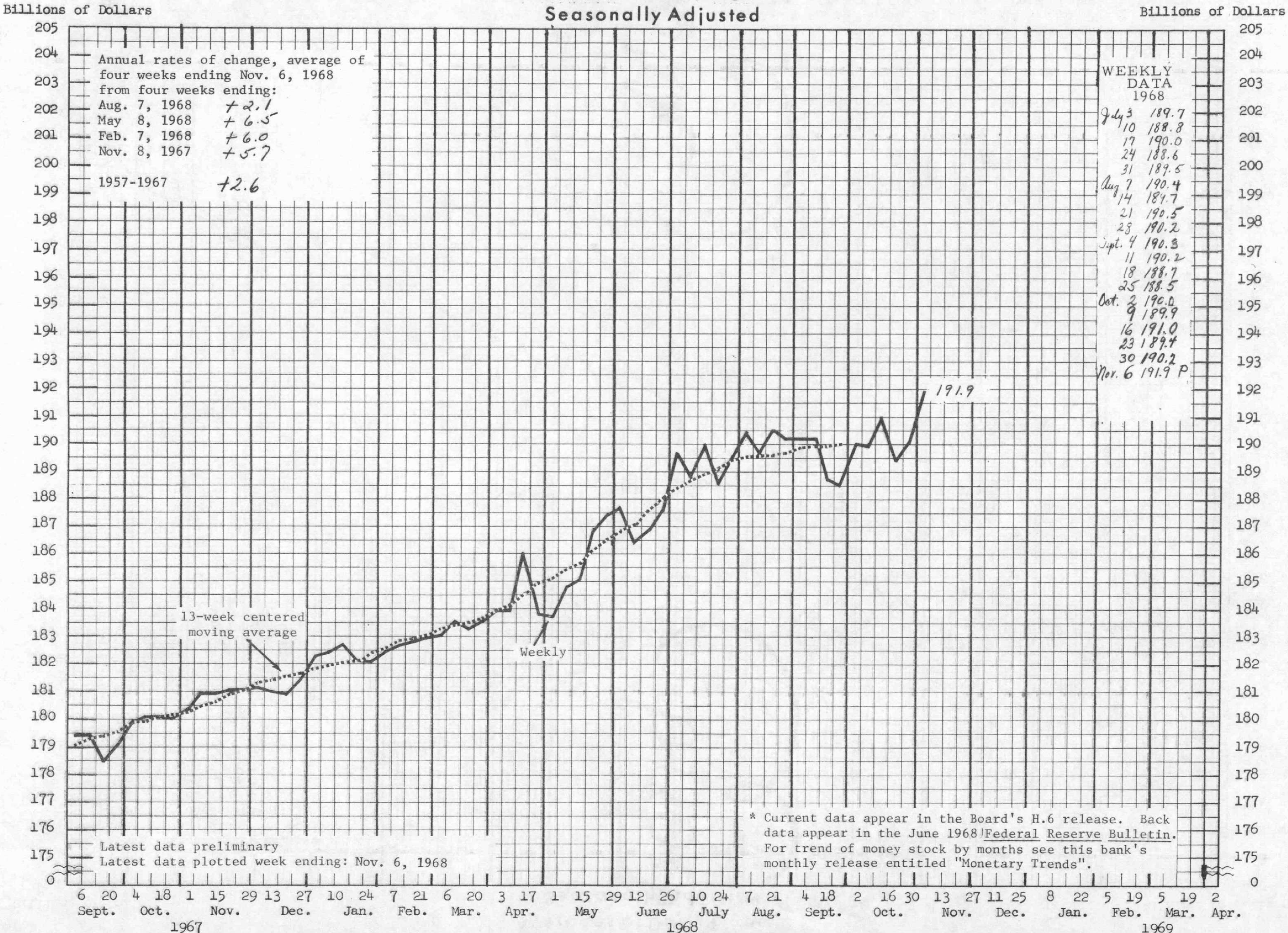
1968	Monetary Base	F.R. Credit
Oct. 2	74.2	59.6
9	74.4	59.6
16	74.9	60.3
23	75.5	60.8
30	75.2	60.6
Nov. 6	74.5	59.8
13	75.5 P	60.7 P

Latest data preliminary
Latest data plotted week ending: Nov. 13, 1968

1/ Uses of the monetary base are member bank reserves and currency held by the public and nonmember banks, adjusted for reserve requirement changes and shifts in deposits. For a description of the base see the August Review of this bank.

2/ As defined in the statistical tables of the Federal Reserve Bulletin, adjusted for reserve requirement changes and shifts in deposits.

MONEY STOCK*
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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MONEY STOCK PLUS TIME DEPOSITS*

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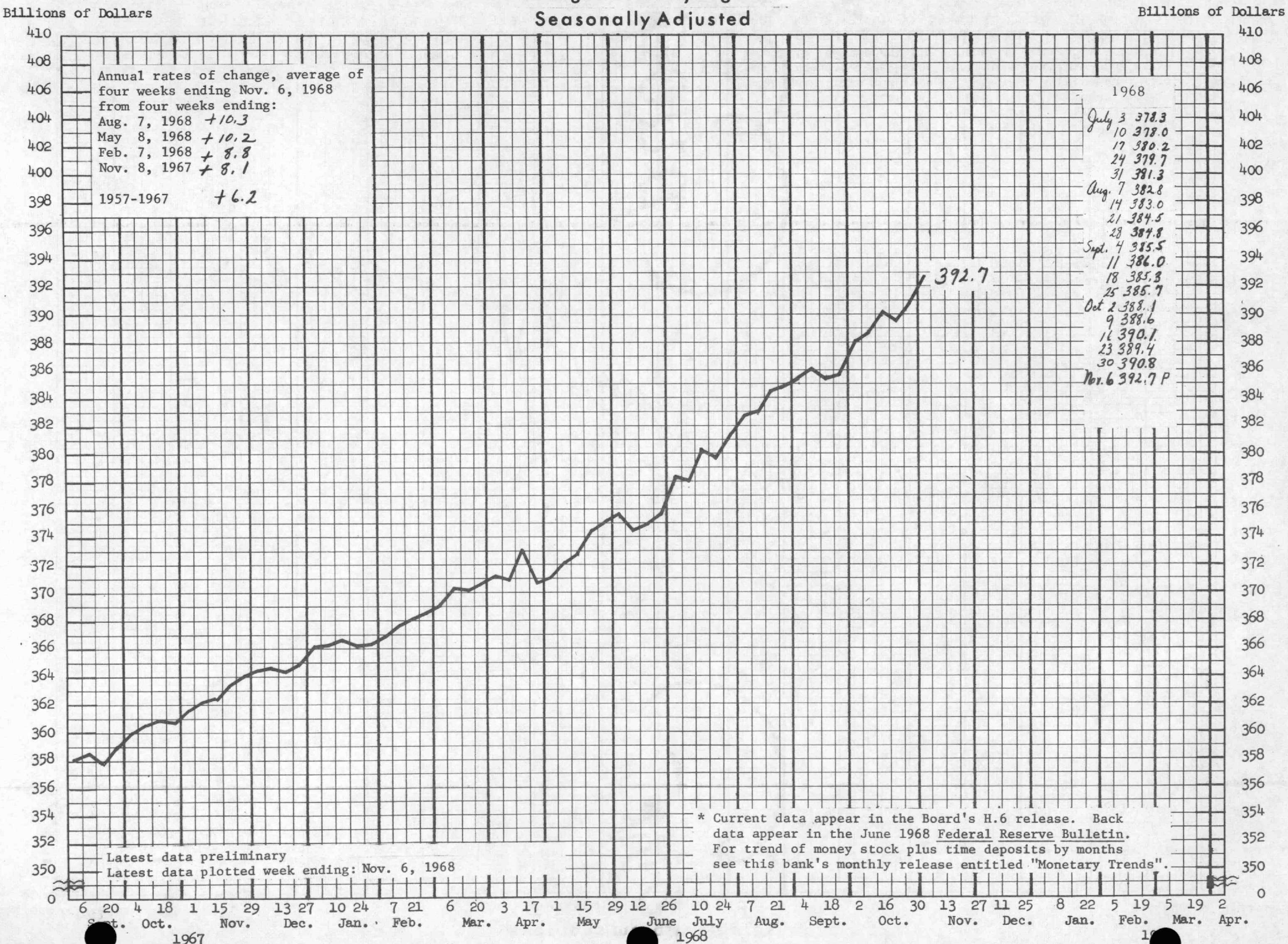

Annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending Nov. 6, 1968 from four weeks ending:

Aug. 7, 1968 +10.3
May 8, 1968 +10.2
Feb. 7, 1968 + 8.8
Nov. 8, 1967 + 8.1

1957-1967 +6.2

1968		
July	3	378.3
	10	378.0
	17	380.2
	24	379.7
	31	381.3
Aug.	7	382.8
	14	383.0
	21	384.5
	28	384.8
Sept.	4	385.5
	11	386.0
	18	385.3
	25	385.7
Oct	2	388.1
	9	388.6
	16	390.1
	23	389.4
	30	390.8
Nov.	6	392.7 P

- Latest data preliminary
- Latest data plotted week ending: Nov. 6, 1968

* Current data appear in the Board's H.6 release. Back data appear in the June 1968 Federal Reserve Bulletin. For trend of money stock plus time deposits by months see this bank's monthly release entitled "Monetary Trends".

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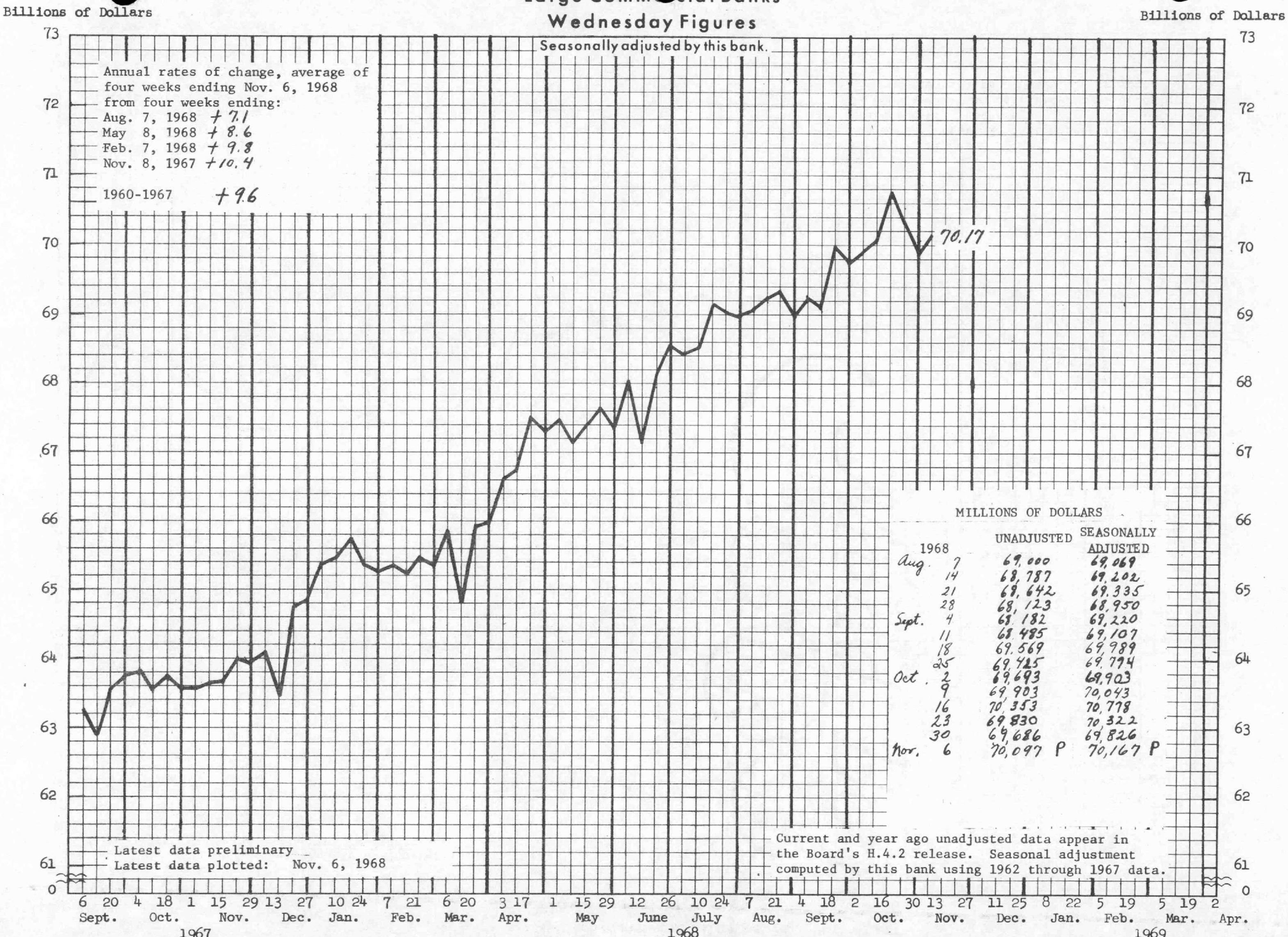
BUSINESS LOANS
Large Commercial Banks
Wednesday Figures



Annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending Nov. 6, 1968 from four weeks ending:
Aug. 7, 1968 +7.1
May 8, 1968 +8.6
Feb. 7, 1968 +9.8
Nov. 8, 1967 +10.4

1960-1967 +9.6

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

1968		UNADJUSTED	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
Aug.	7	69,000	69,069
	14	68,787	69,202
	21	68,642	69.335
	28	68,123	68,950
Sept.	4	68,182	69,220
	11	68,485	69,107
	18	69.569	69,989
	25	69,425	69,774
Oct.	2	69,693	69,903
	9	69,903	70,043
	16	70,353	70,778
	23	69,830	70,322
	30	69,686	69,826
Nov.	6	70,097 P	70,167 P

Latest data preliminary
Latest data plotted: Nov. 6, 1968

Current and year ago unadjusted data appear in the Board's H.4.2 release. Seasonal adjustment computed by this bank using 1962 through 1967 data.

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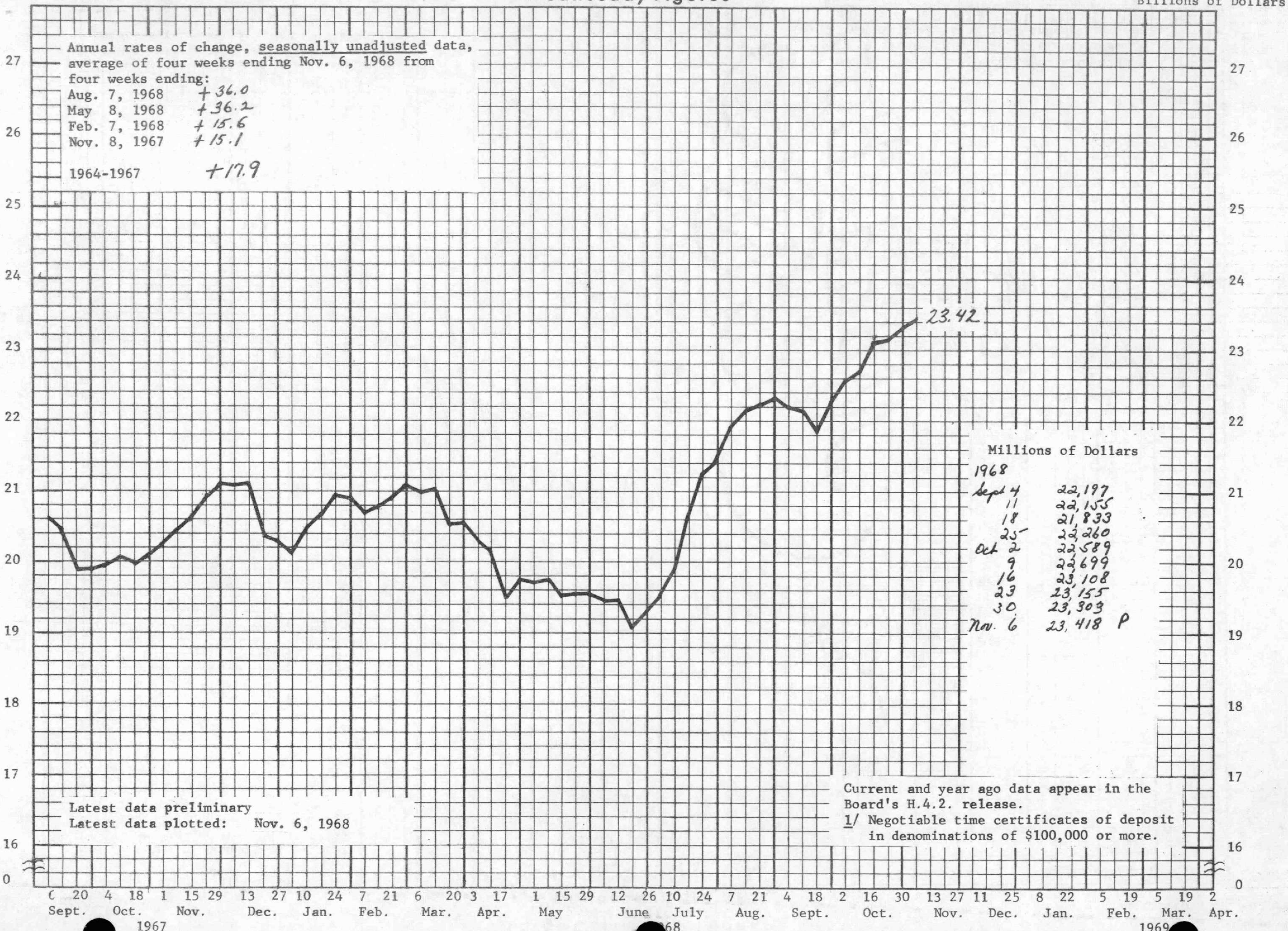
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT 1/
Large Commercial Banks
Wednesday Figures



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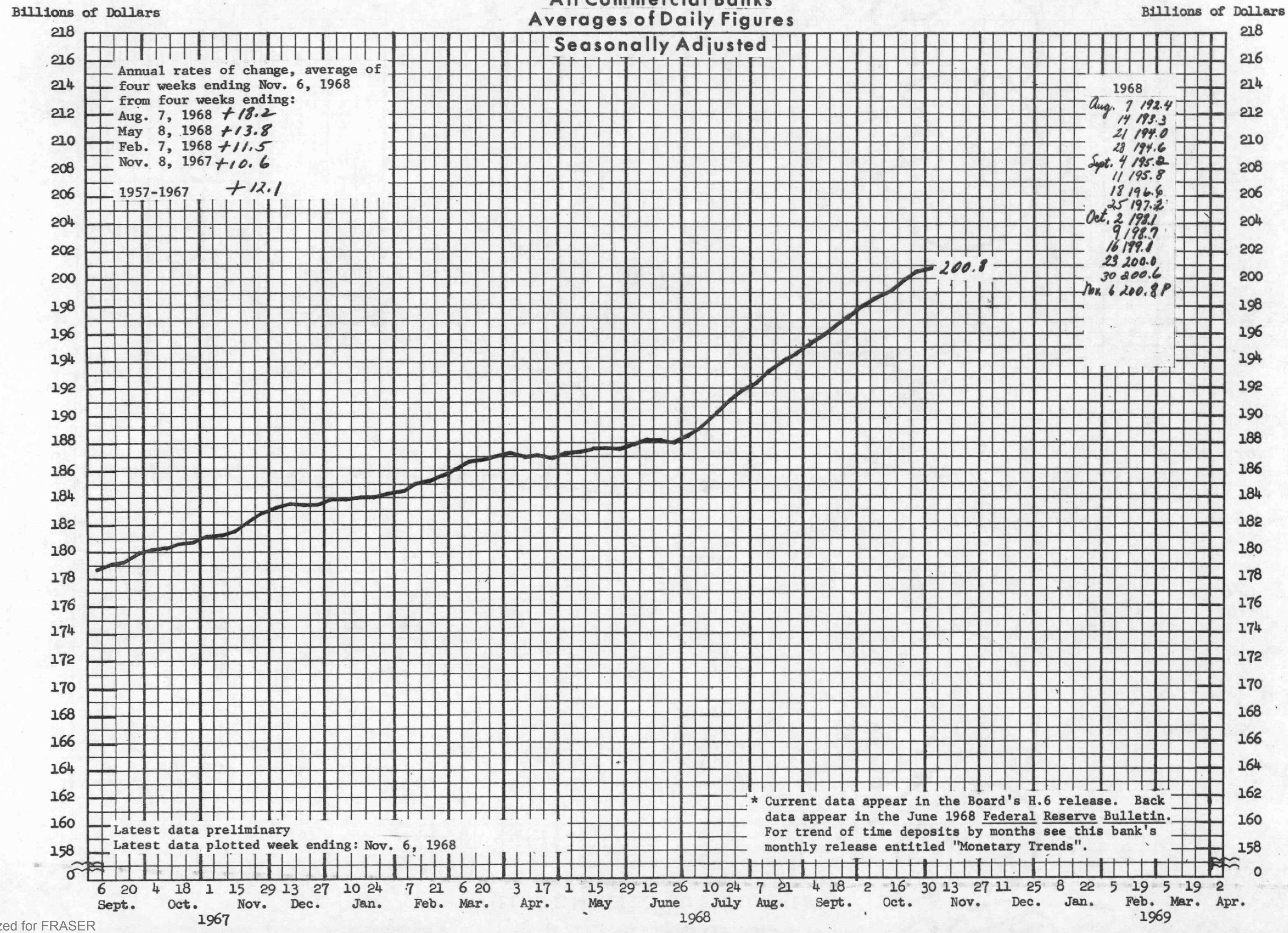
TIME DEPOSITS*
All Commercial Banks
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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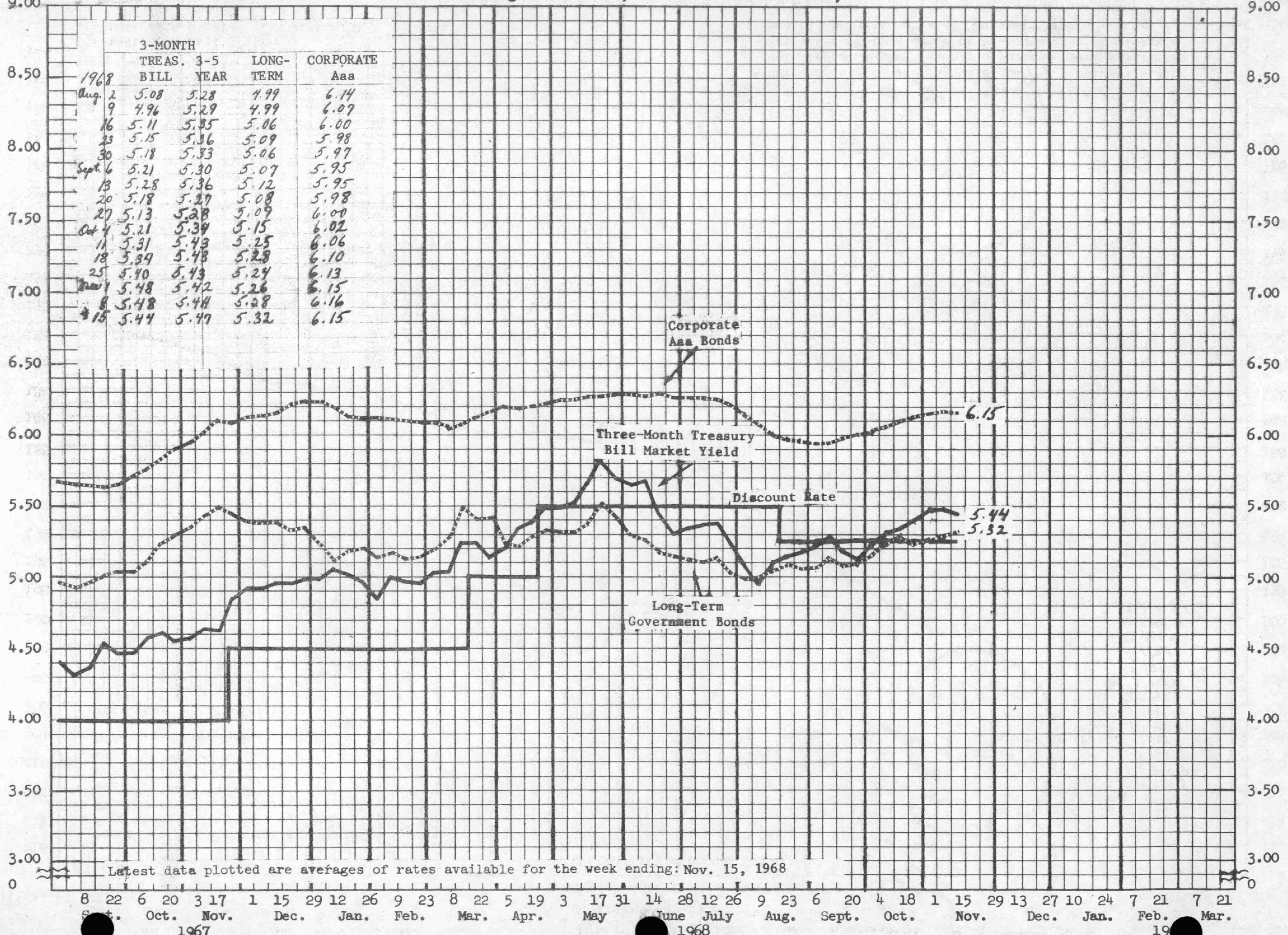
YIELDS ON SELECTED SECURITIES
Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday



1968	3-MONTH TREAS. BILL	3-5 YEAR	LONG-TERM	CORPORATE Aaa
Aug. 2	5.08	5.28	4.99	6.14
9	4.96	5.29	4.99	6.07
16	5.11	5.35	5.06	6.00
23	5.15	5.36	5.09	5.98
30	5.18	5.33	5.06	5.97
Sept. 6	5.21	5.30	5.07	5.95
13	5.28	5.36	5.12	5.95
20	5.18	5.27	5.08	5.98
27	5.13	5.28	5.09	6.00
Oct. 4	5.21	5.34	5.15	6.02
11	5.31	5.43	5.25	6.06
18	5.34	5.43	5.28	6.10
25	5.40	5.43	5.24	6.13
Nov. 1	5.48	5.42	5.26	6.15
8	5.48	5.44	5.28	6.16
*15	5.44	5.47	5.32	6.15

*AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE

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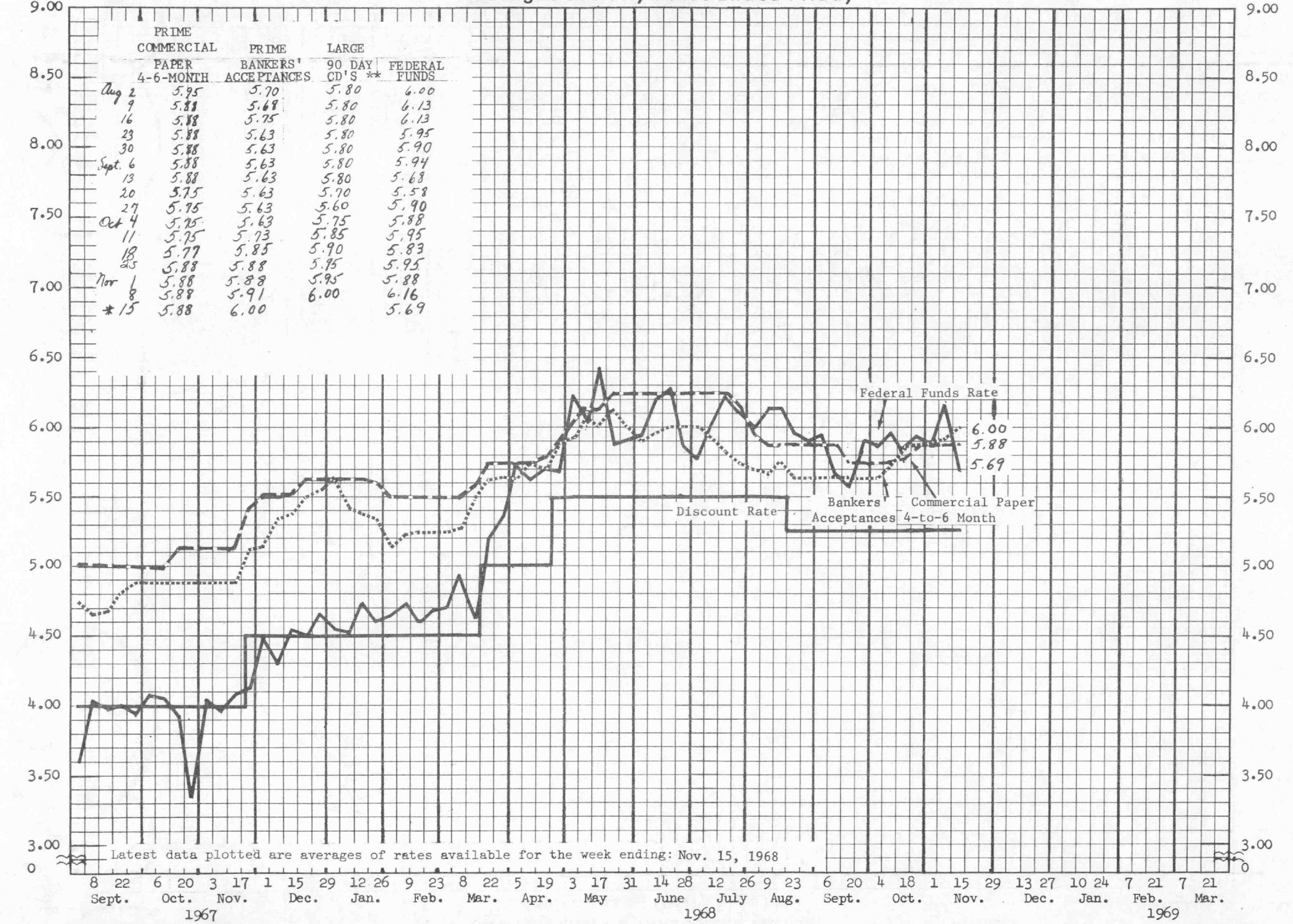
SELECTED SHORT-TERM INTEREST RATES

Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday

	PRIME COMMERCIAL PAPER 4-6-MONTH	PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES	LARGE 90 DAY CD'S **	FEDERAL FUNDS
Aug 2	5.95	5.70	5.80	6.00
9	5.88	5.68	5.80	6.13
16	5.88	5.75	5.80	6.13
23	5.88	5.63	5.80	5.95
30	5.88	5.63	5.80	5.90
Sept. 6	5.88	5.63	5.80	5.94
13	5.88	5.63	5.80	5.68
20	5.75	5.63	5.70	5.58
27	5.75	5.63	5.60	5.90
Oct 4	5.75	5.63	5.75	5.88
11	5.75	5.73	5.85	5.95
18	5.77	5.85	5.90	5.83
25	5.88	5.88	5.95	5.95
Nov 1	5.88	5.88	5.95	5.88
8	5.88	5.91	6.00	6.16
* 15	5.88	6.00		5.69



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**SOURCE: SALOMON BROTHERS AND HUTZLER
SECONDARY MARKET RATE ON 90-DAY PRIME CD'S.

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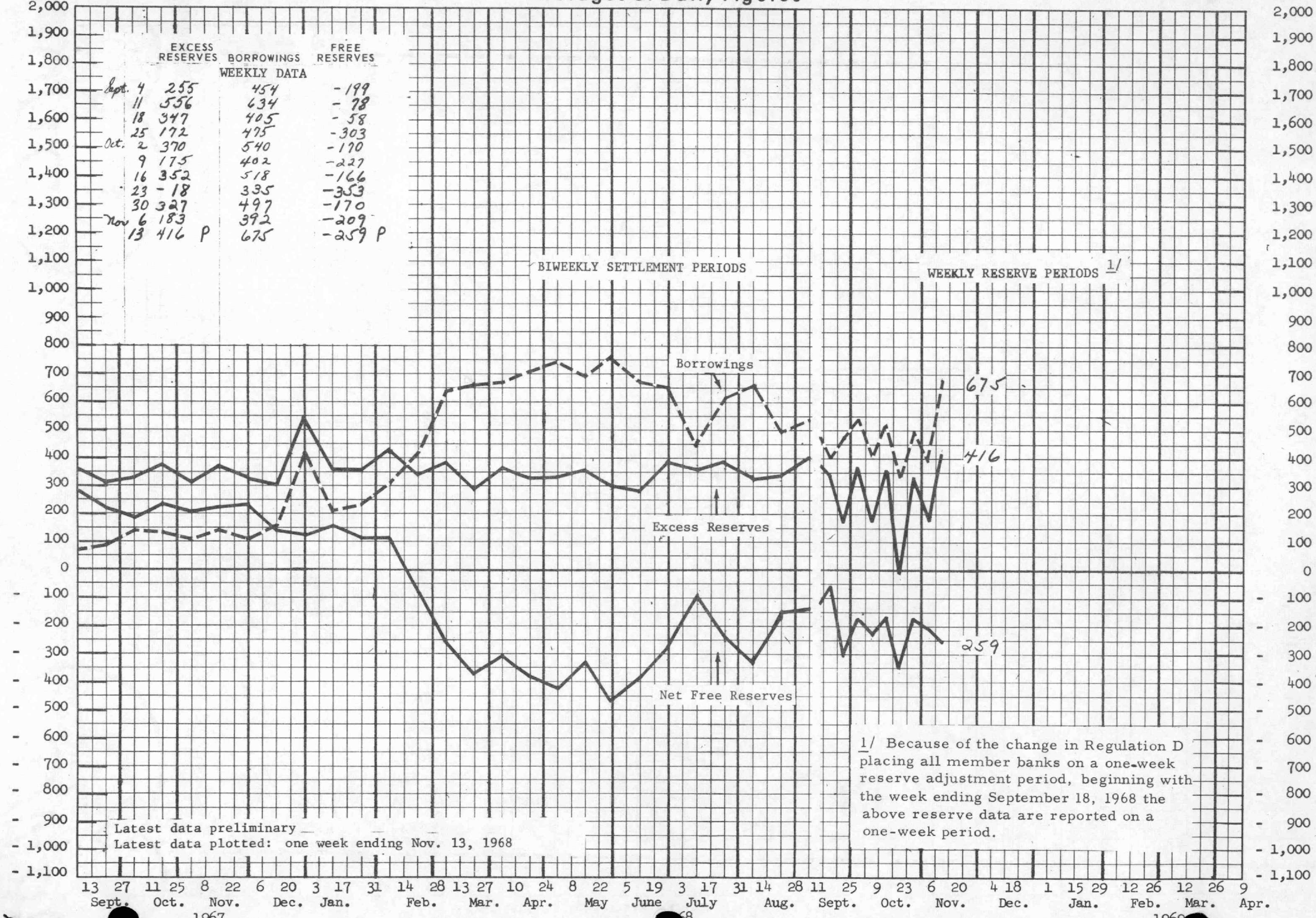
BORROWINGS AND EXCESS RESERVES
All Member Banks in the Nation
Averages of Daily Figures



WEEKLY DATA

	EXCESS RESERVES	BORROWINGS	FREE RESERVES
Sept. 4	255	454	-199
11	556	634	- 78
18	347	405	- 58
25	172	475	-303
Oct. 2	370	540	-170
9	175	402	-227
16	352	518	-166
23	- 18	335	-353
30	327	497	-170
Nov 6	183	392	-209
13	416 P	675	-259 P

1/ Because of the change in Regulation D placing all member banks on a one-week reserve adjustment period, beginning with the week ending September 18, 1968 the above reserve data are reported on a one-week period.

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Week ending	Total Effective Reserves	Reserves Available for private Demand Deposits
1968	(Seasonally adjusted)	
Aug. 7	26.41	17.68
14	26.20	17.48
21	26.60	17.80
28	26.26	17.46
Sept. 4	26.25	17.54
11	26.51	17.79
18	26.08	17.39
25	25.57	17.21
Oct. 2	26.34	17.56
9	26.22	17.33
16	27.01	17.70
23	26.41	17.10
30	26.99	17.51
Nov. 6	26.24	17.58
13	27.07 P	17.61 P

Average of daily figures in billions of dollars.

P - preliminary