U.S. FINANCIAL DATA

Week ending January 1, 1969

In the last three months the money stock (page 3) has advanced at a rapid 7.6 per cent annual rate. In the same period, the demand deposit component of money (page 11) has also risen at a 7.6 per cent rate. These rapid rates reflect partly the relatively low levels of these measures three months ago and marked rises in November. Since last July, money has increased at a 4.7 per cent rate and the demand deposit component at a 4 per cent rate. During the entire year of 1968 money grew 6.6 per cent, more than twice as fast as the 2.6 per cent trend rate from 1957 to 1967. The monetary base (page 2), which largely determines the trend growth of money, has continued to rise at a rapid 7 per cent annual rate since September.

Federal Reserve credit, as customarily defined and measured, increased little during the last three months (page 2). However, Federal Reserve credit adjusted to include "Other Federal Reserve Accounts" has increased at a 7 per cent annual rate during the last three months. "Other Federal Reserve Accounts" consist primarily of assets denominated in foreign currencies. Recently the increase in these holdings has been important in supplying reserve funds.

Market interest rates (pages 8 and 9), which have increased since August, recently reached record high levels. Yields on three-month Treasury bills averaged 6.20 per cent this week compared with about 5 per cent in August. Yields on long-term Government securities were 5.72 per cent, up from about 5 per cent in August, and yields on highest grade corporate bonds averaged 6.55 per cent, compared with about 6 per cent in August.

In mid-December the interest rate charged member banks on borrowings from Federal Reserve banks was raised from 5¼ per cent to 5½ per cent, a much smaller rise than the recent increases in interest rates on most market securities. Market interest rates were already rising rapidly before the Federal Reserve discount rate was raised, and continued upward about as rapidly afterward.

Borrowings from Reserve banks (page 10) averaged $917 million during the last three weeks compared with an average of $504 million from September through November. The increase in these borrowings is in part a reflection of the increase of market rates relative to the discount rate. The growth of these borrowings considered alone may contribute to monetary ease--not tightness--unless this influence is offset by fewer Federal Reserve purchases of government securities than otherwise would have been.

The outstanding volume of large negotiable certificates of deposit at large commercial banks (page 6) has declined since early December, partly because of seasonal run-offs and the inability of banks to offer competitive yields due to Regulation Q ceilings. Total time deposits at commercial banks averaged $204.6 billion during the week ending December 25 and show a 16 per cent annual rate of increase during the past three months.

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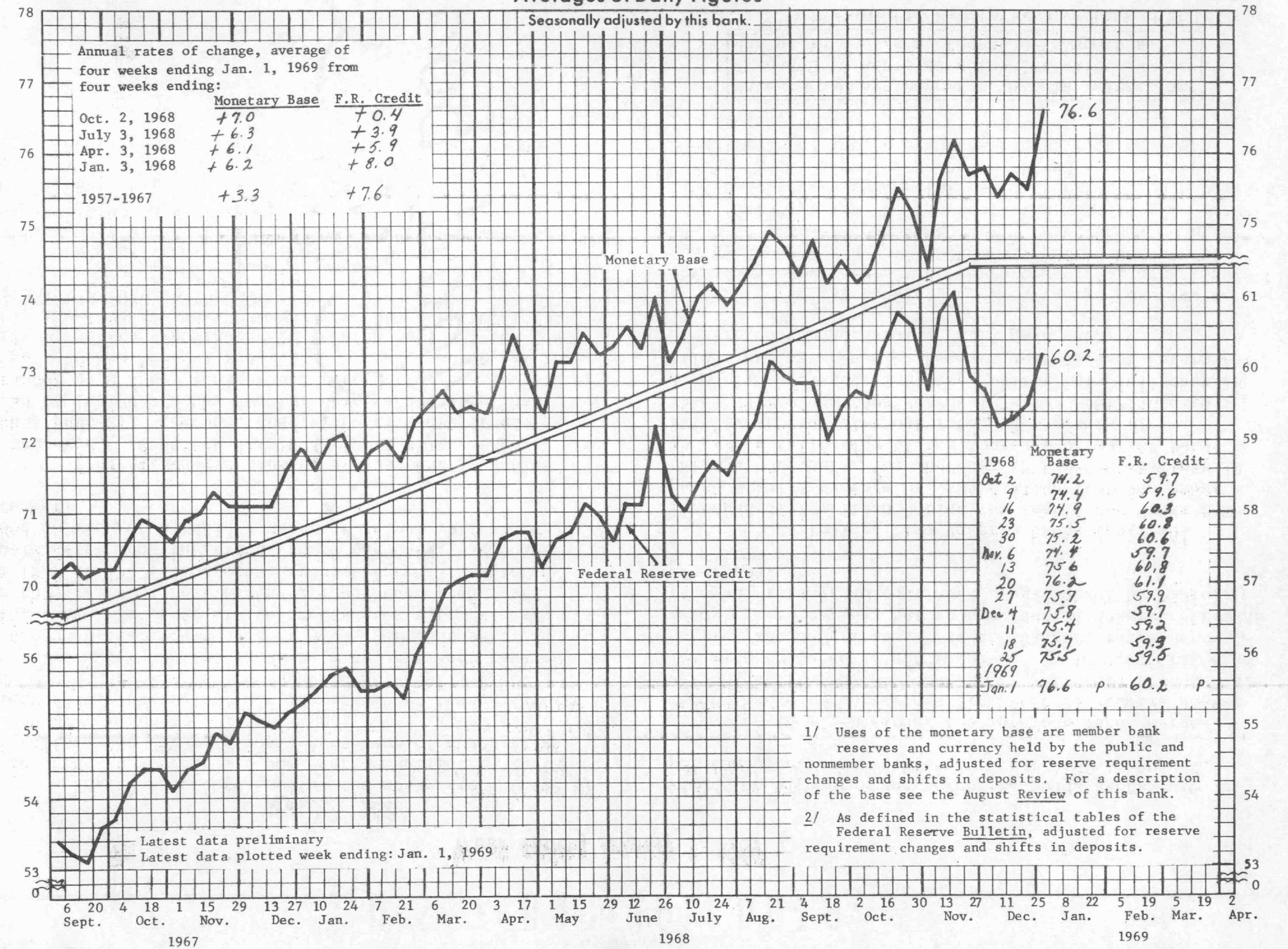
MONETARY BASE 1/
FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT 2/
Averages of Daily Figures



Annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending Jan. 1, 1969 from four weeks ending:

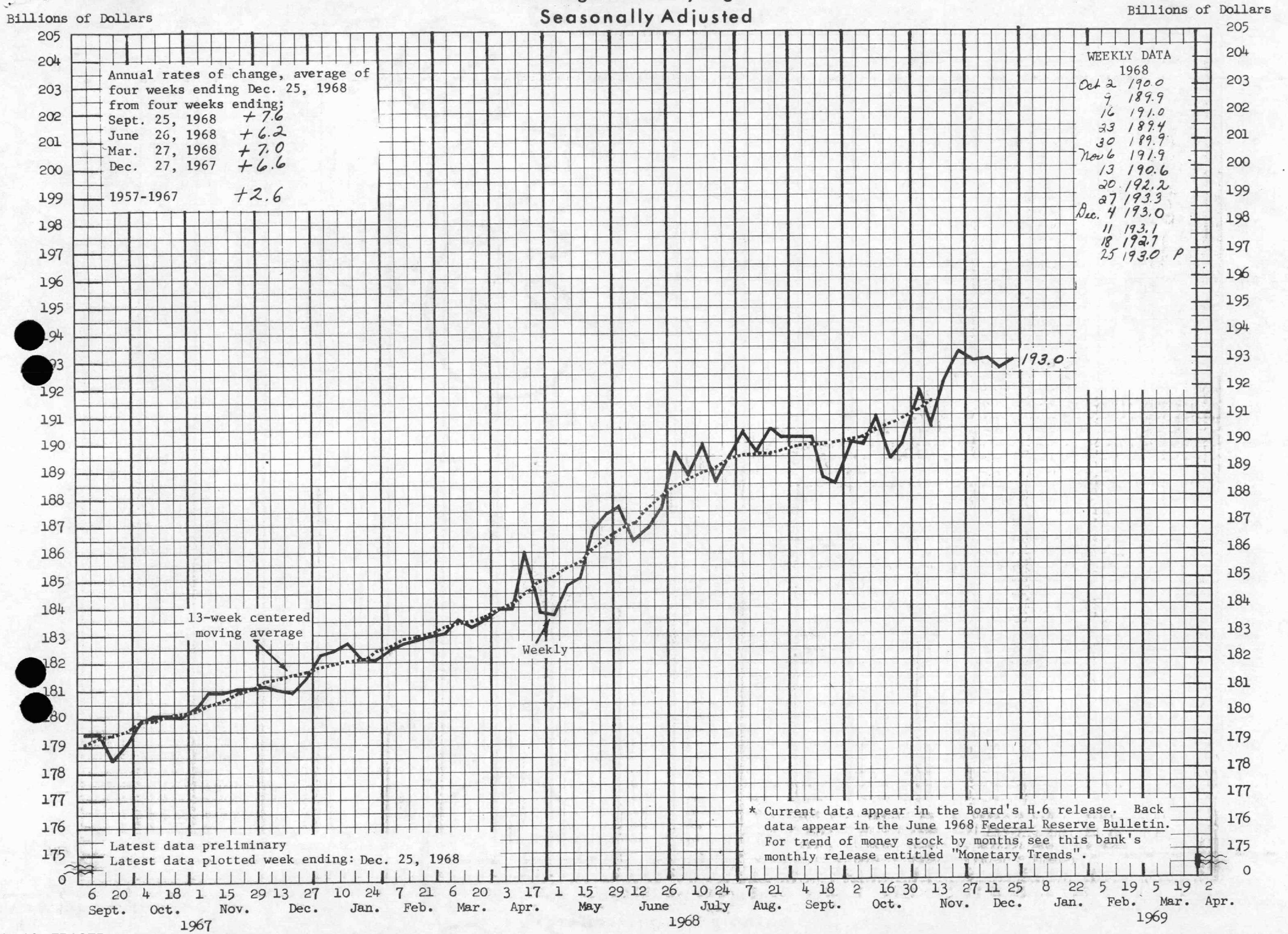
	Monetary Base	F.R. Credit
Oct. 2, 1968	+7.0	+0.4
July 3, 1968	+6.3	+3.9
Apr. 3, 1968	+6.1	+5.9
Jan. 3, 1968	+6.2	+8.0
1957-1967	+3.3	+7.6

1968	Monetary Base	F.R. Credit
Oct. 2	74.2	59.7
9	74.4	59.6
16	74.9	60.3
23	75.5	60.8
30	75.2	60.6
Nov. 6	74.4	59.7
13	75.6	60.8
20	76.2	61.1
27	75.7	59.9
Dec. 4	75.8	59.7
11	75.4	59.2
18	75.7	59.9
25	75.5	59.6
1969		
Jan. 1	76.6 p	60.2 p

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*
Averages of Daily Figures
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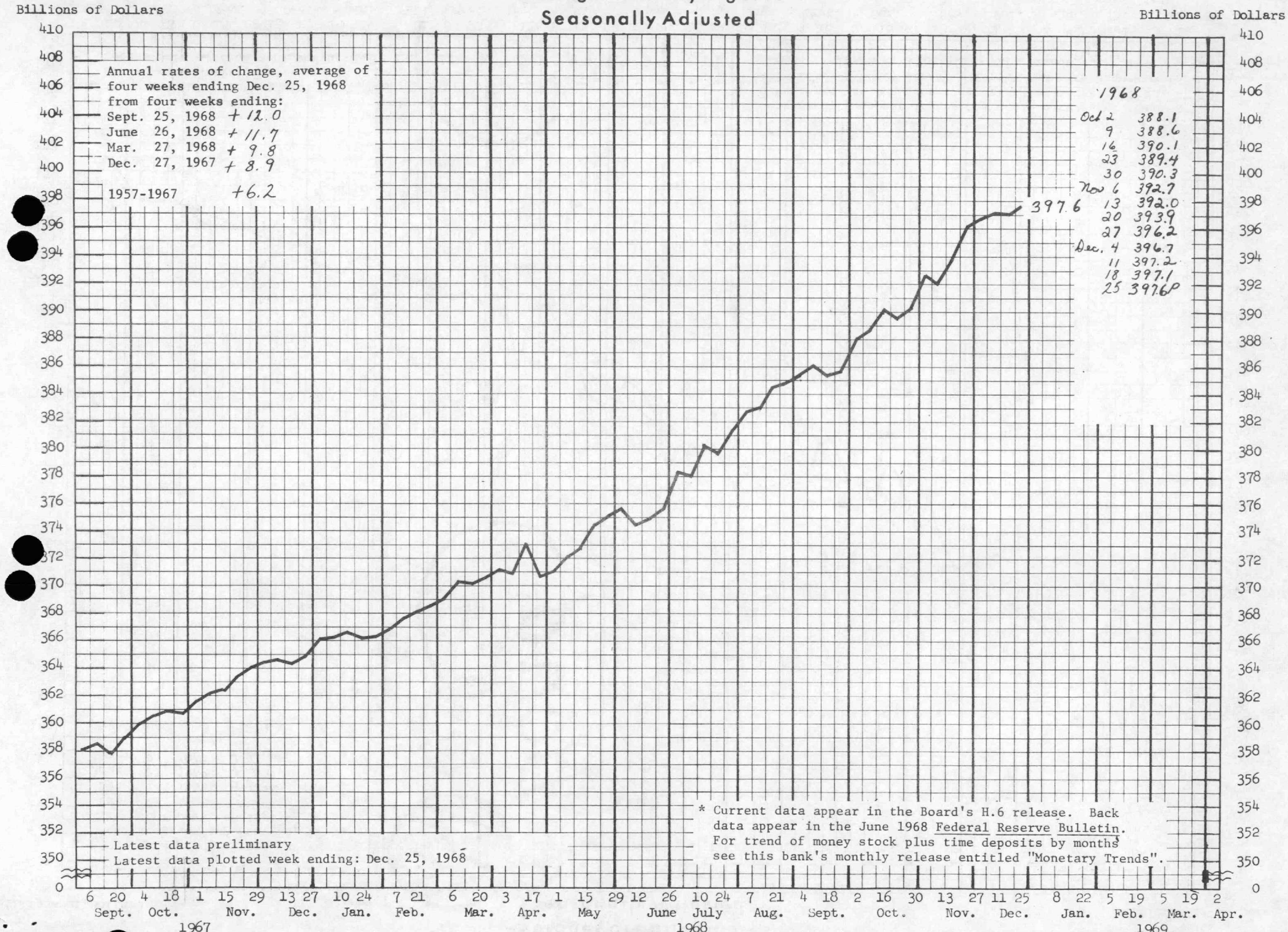

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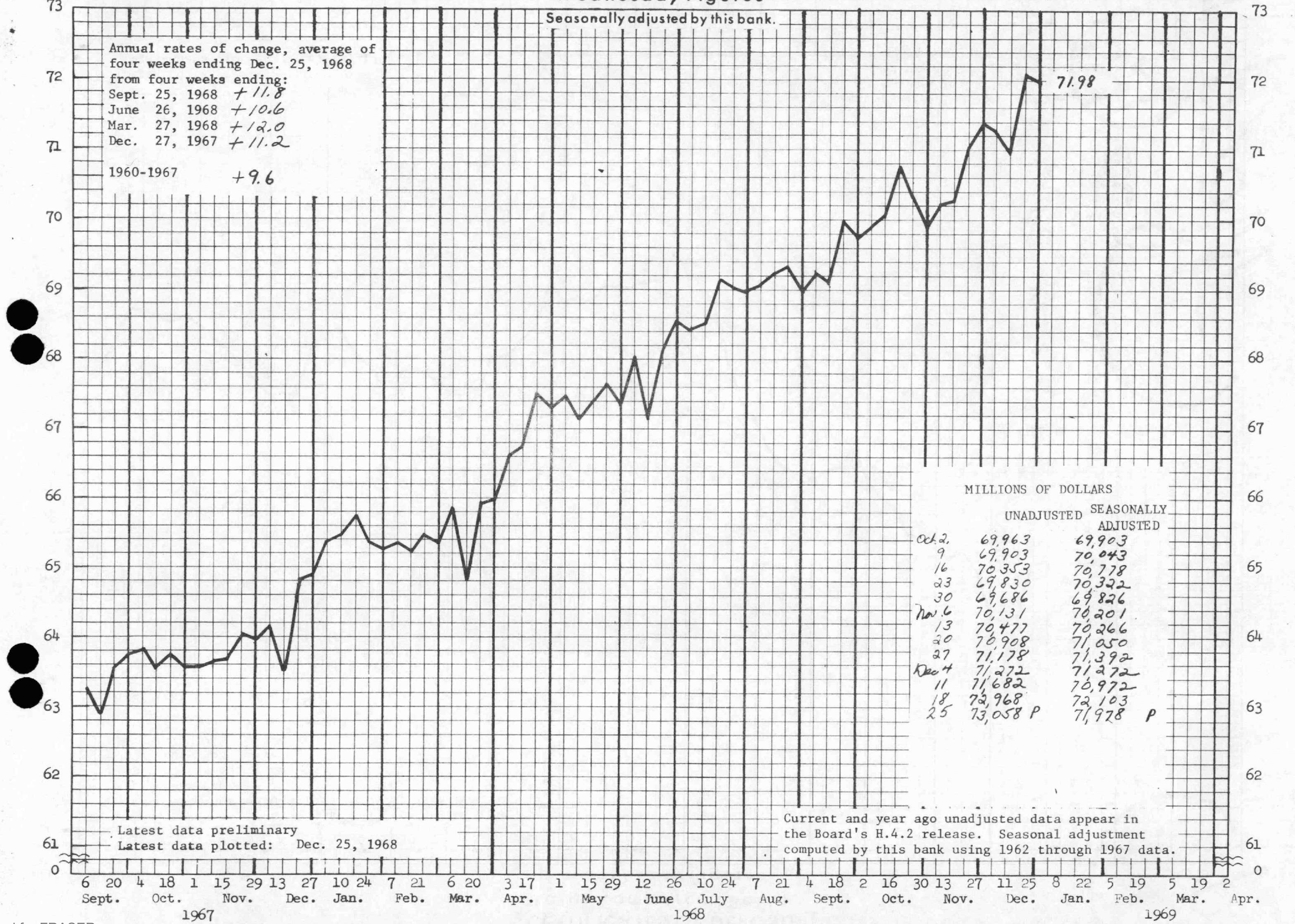
BUSINESS LOANS
Large Commercial Banks
Wednesday Figures



MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

	UNADJUSTED	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
Oct. 2	69,963	69,903
9	69,903	70,043
16	70,353	70,778
23	69,830	70,322
30	69,686	69,826
Nov. 6	70,131	70,201
13	70,477	70,266
20	70,908	71,050
27	71,178	71,392
Dec. 4	71,272	71,272
11	71,682	70,972
18	72,968	72,103
25	73,058 P	71,978 P

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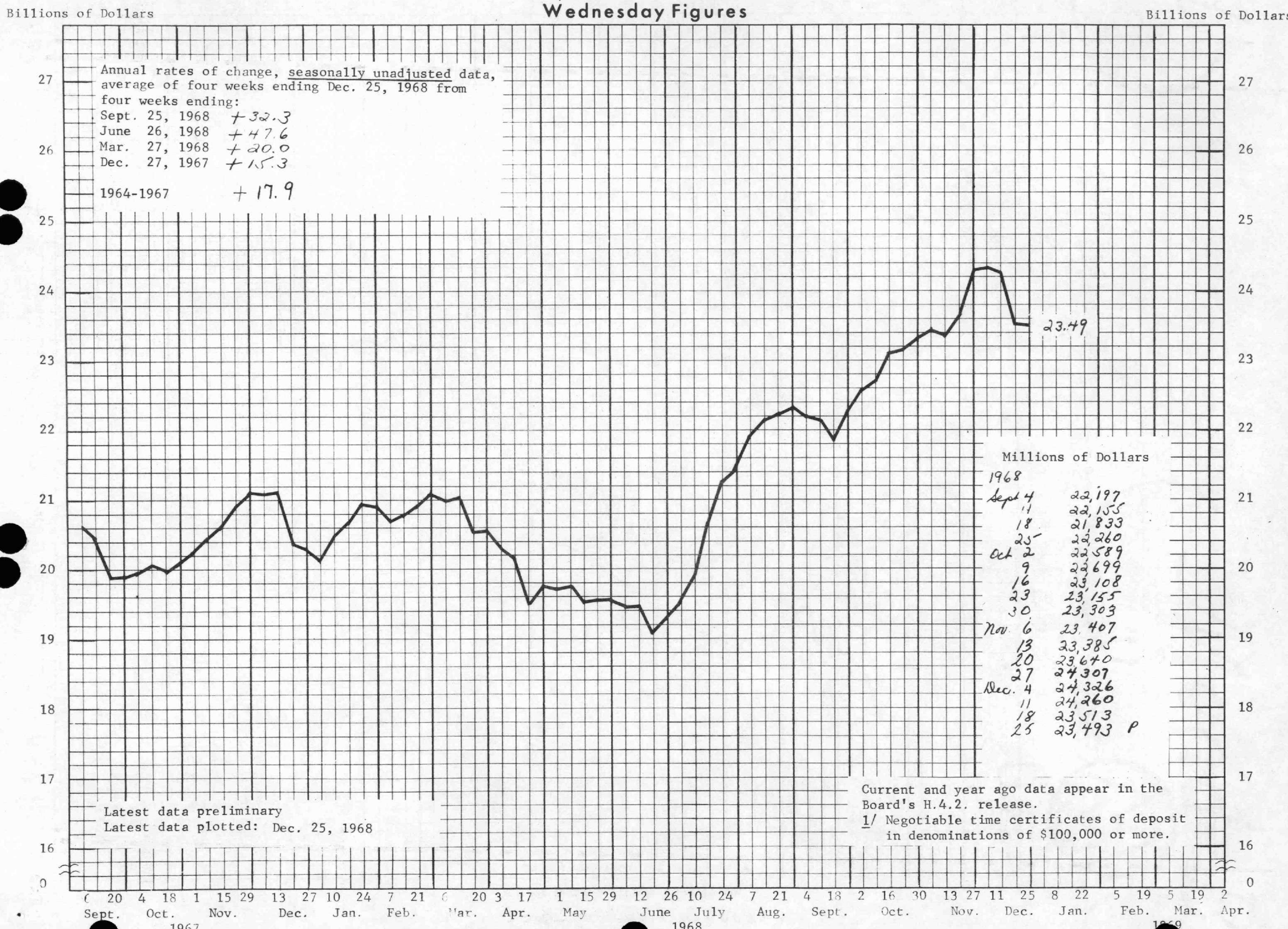
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT 1/
Large Commercial Banks
Wednesday Figures



Annual rates of change, seasonally unadjusted data, average of four weeks ending Dec. 25, 1968 from four weeks ending:

Sept. 25, 1968	+32.3
June 26, 1968	+47.6
Mar. 27, 1968	+20.0
Dec. 27, 1967	+15.3
1964-1967	+17.9

Millions of Dollars

1968	
Sept 4	22,197
11	22,155
18	21,833
25	22,260
Oct 2	22,589
9	22,699
16	23,108
23	23,155
30	23,303
Nov 6	23,407
13	23,385
20	23,640
27	24,307
Dec. 4	24,326
11	24,260
18	23,513
25	23,493 P

Latest data preliminary
Latest data plotted: Dec. 25, 1968

Current and year ago data appear in the Board's H.4.2. release.

1/ Negotiable time certificates of deposit in denominations of $100,000 or more.

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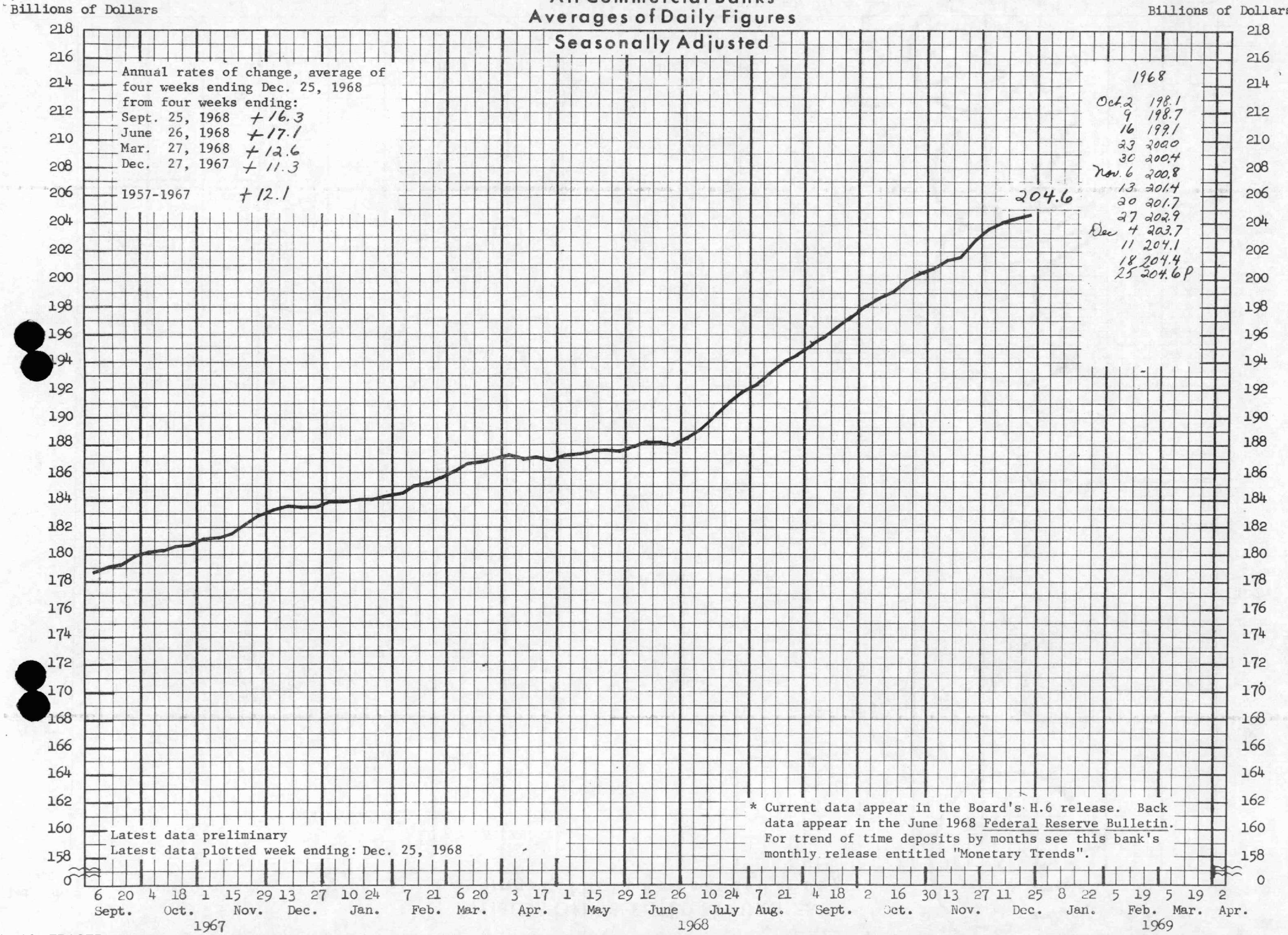
TIME DEPOSITS*
All Commercial Banks
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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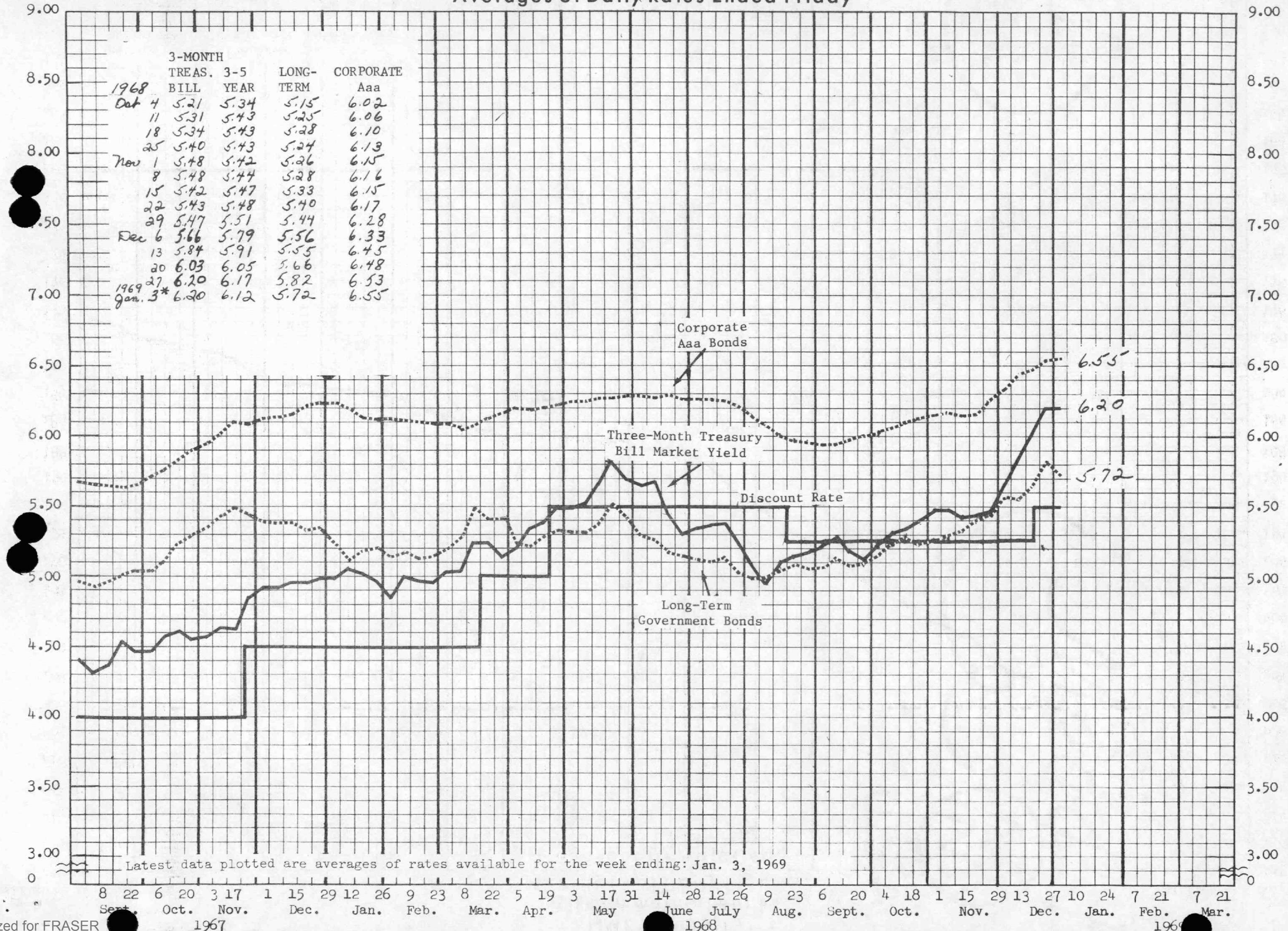
YIELDS ON SELECTED SECURITIES
Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday

1968	3-MONTH TREAS. BILL	3-5 YEAR	LONG-TERM	CORPORATE Aaa
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	5.42	5.47	5.33	6.15
22	5.43	5.48	5.40	6.17
29	5.47	5.51	5.44	6.28
Dec 6	5.66	5.79	5.56	6.33
13	5.84	5.91	5.55	6.45
20	6.03	6.05	5.66	6.48
27	6.20	6.17	5.82	6.53
1969 Jan. 3*	6.20	6.12	5.72	6.55



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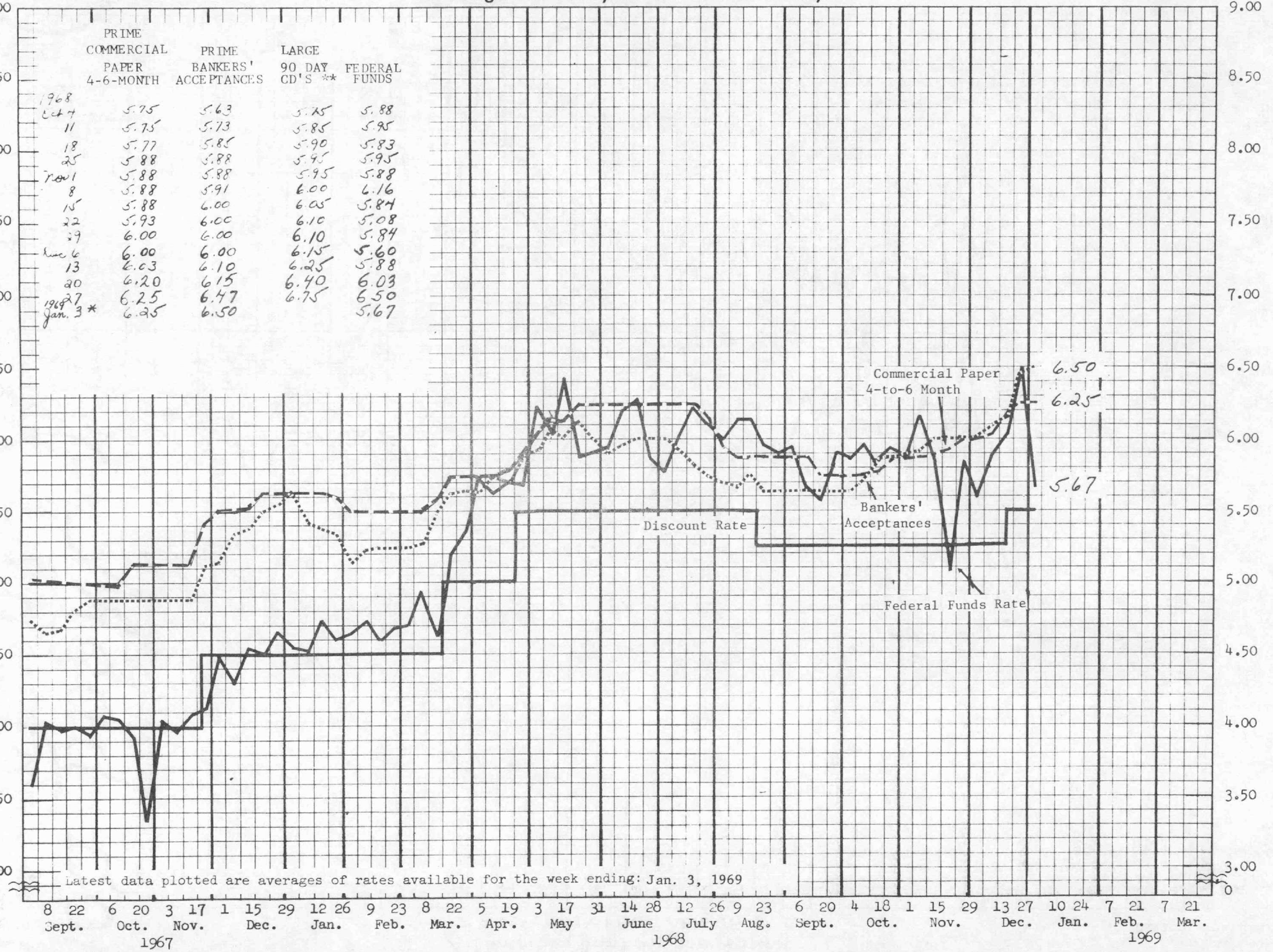
SELECTED SHORT-TERM INTEREST RATES
Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday



	PRIME COMMERCIAL PAPER 4-6-MONTH	PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES	LARGE 90 DAY CD'S **	FEDERAL FUNDS
1968 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	6.05	5.84
22	5.93	6.00	6.10	5.08
29	6.00	6.00	6.10	5.84
Dec 6	6.00	6.00	6.15	5.60
13	6.03	6.10	6.25	5.88
20	6.20	6.15	6.40	6.03
27	6.25	6.47	6.75	6.50
1969 Jan. 3 *	6.25	6.50		5.67

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

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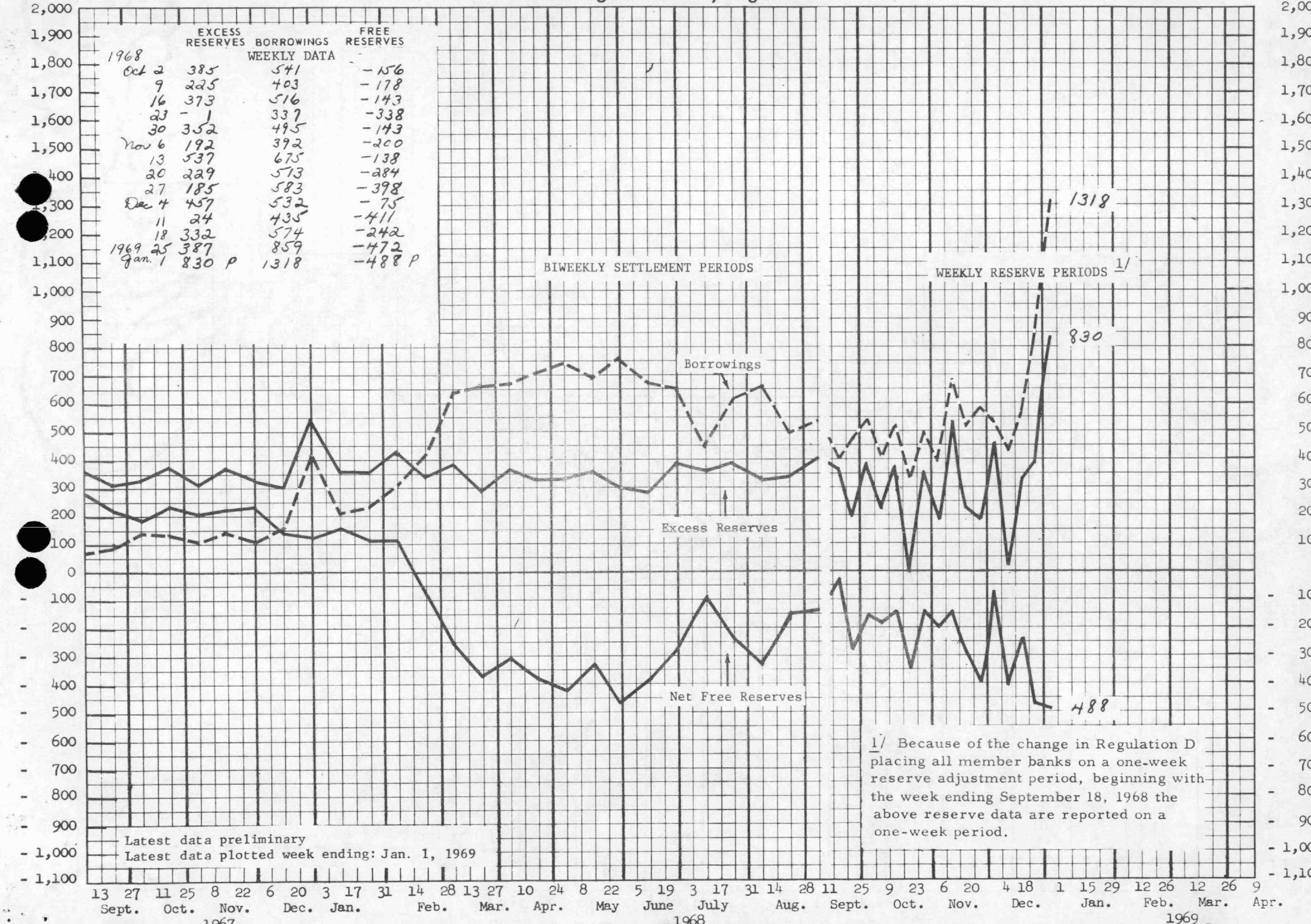
BORROWINGS AND EXCESS RESERVES
All Member Banks in the Nation
Averages of Daily Figures



WEEKLY DATA

1968	EXCESS RESERVES	BORROWINGS	FREE RESERVES
Oct 2	385	541	-156
9	225	403	-178
16	373	516	-143
23	-1	337	-338
30	352	495	-143
Nov 6	192	392	-200
13	537	675	-138
20	229	513	-284
27	185	583	-398
Dec 4	457	532	-75
11	24	435	-411
18	332	574	-242
1969 25	387	859	-472
Jan. 1	830 P	1318	-488 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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DEMAND DEPOSIT COMPONENT OF MONEY STOCK*

Averages of Daily Figures
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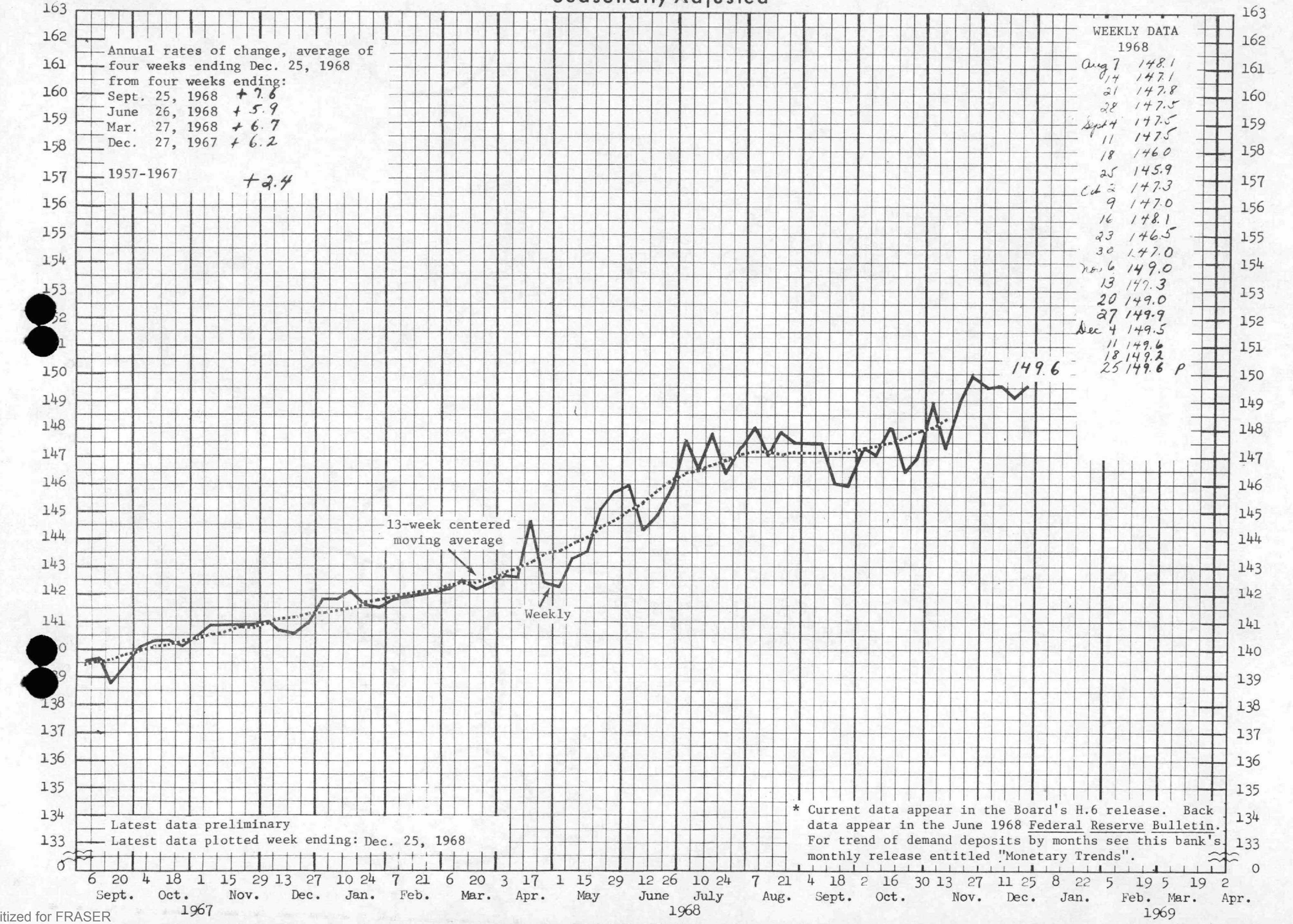

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