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U.S. FINANCIAL DATA

Week ending: February 26, 1969

The money stock, adjusted for fluctuations in Treasury deposits at commercial banks, has increased at a 5.9 per cent annual rate in the past three months, about the same as in the past year (page 3). In most recent weeks growth of the actual money stock, which consists of private demand deposits plus currency in the hands of the public, has been held down by an unusual build-up of Treasury deposits. The actual money stock has risen at a 4 per cent rate in the last three months, compared with a 6 per cent increase in the past year (page 3).

The monetary base has increased at a 6.4 per cent annual rate in the last three months, not significantly different from the 6.5 per cent rate in the past year (page 2). The base is the total credit issued by the Treasury and the Federal Reserve to the private sector of the economy. Total member bank reserves have grown at an 11 per cent rate in the last three months and 6.8 per cent in the past year.

Large certificates of deposit in commercial banks have declined from $24.3 billion in early December to $20.1 billion on February 19, as a result of market interest rates rising relative to rates commercial banks are permitted to pay (page 6). This $4.2 billion decline has been the major reason for the decline in total commercial bank time deposits (page 7) and money plus time deposits (page 4), and the levelling off of total commercial bank credit (page 12) since December. Although such a disintermediation places strain on the liquidity of commercial banks, it has little effect on the total amount of credit extended in the economy.

Most market interest rates have risen moderately during January and February after rising sharply from October through December (pages 8 and 9). Rates on highest grade corporate bonds averaged 6.67 per cent in the first half of this week, up from 6.53 per cent in late December and 6.10 per cent in October. Yields on three month Treasury bills have declined seasonally from a high of 6.20 per cent in late December to an average of 6.05 per cent during the three days ending February 26.

Member bank borrowing from Federal Reserve Banks has averaged $836 million in the past four weeks compared with a $541 million average for the four weeks ending three months ago (page 10). This increased borrowing probably reflects a decline in banks' liquidity and has contributed to continued monetary expansion. Other sources of funds to banks have been relatively expensive, as interest rates on Federal funds and short-term assets have remained high compared to the discount rate. Treasury bill rates and Federal funds rates have averaged 60 and 100 basis points, respectively, above the discount rate during the past four weeks. On average since 1961, these market rates have been about 6 basis points below the discount rate.

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

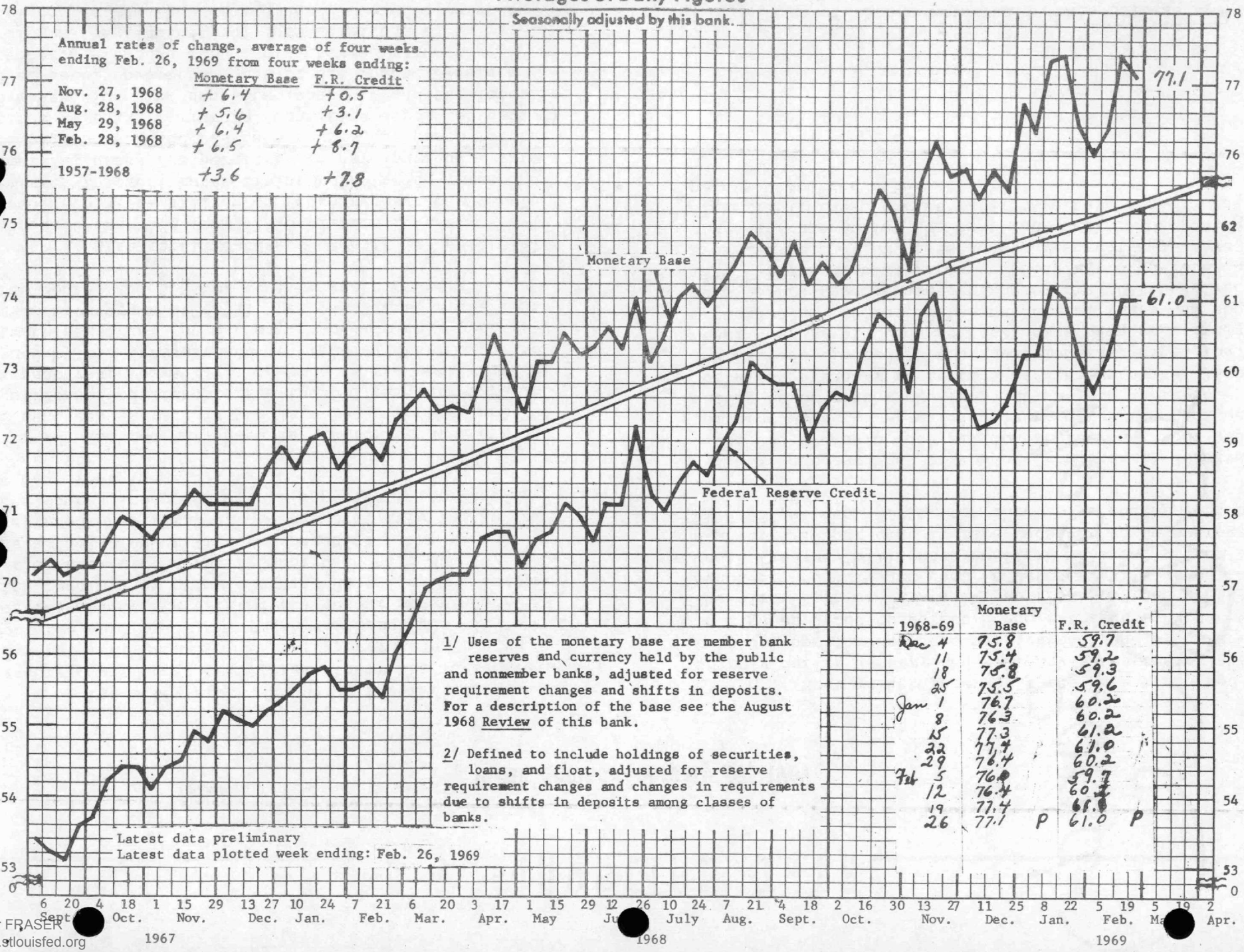
Seasonally adjusted by this bank.

Billions of Dollars

Billions of Dollars

Annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending Feb. 26, 1969 from four weeks ending:

	Monetary Base	F.R. Credit
Nov. 27, 1968	+6.4	+0.5
Aug. 28, 1968	+5.6	+3.1
May 29, 1968	+6.4	+6.2
Feb. 28, 1968	+6.5	+8.7
1957-1968	+3.6	+7.8



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 1968 Review of this bank.

2/ Defined to include holdings of securities, loans, and float, adjusted for reserve requirement changes and changes in requirements due to shifts in deposits among classes of banks.

Latest data preliminary
Latest data plotted week ending: Feb. 26, 1969

1968-69	Monetary Base	F.R. Credit
Dec 4	75.8	59.7
11	75.4	59.2
18	75.8	59.3
25	75.5	59.6
Jan 1	76.7	60.2
8	76.3	60.2
15	77.3	61.2
22	77.4	61.0
29	76.4	60.2
Feb 5	76.[illegible]	59.7
12	76.4	60.[illegible]
19	77.4	61.[illegible]
26	77.1 p	61.0 p

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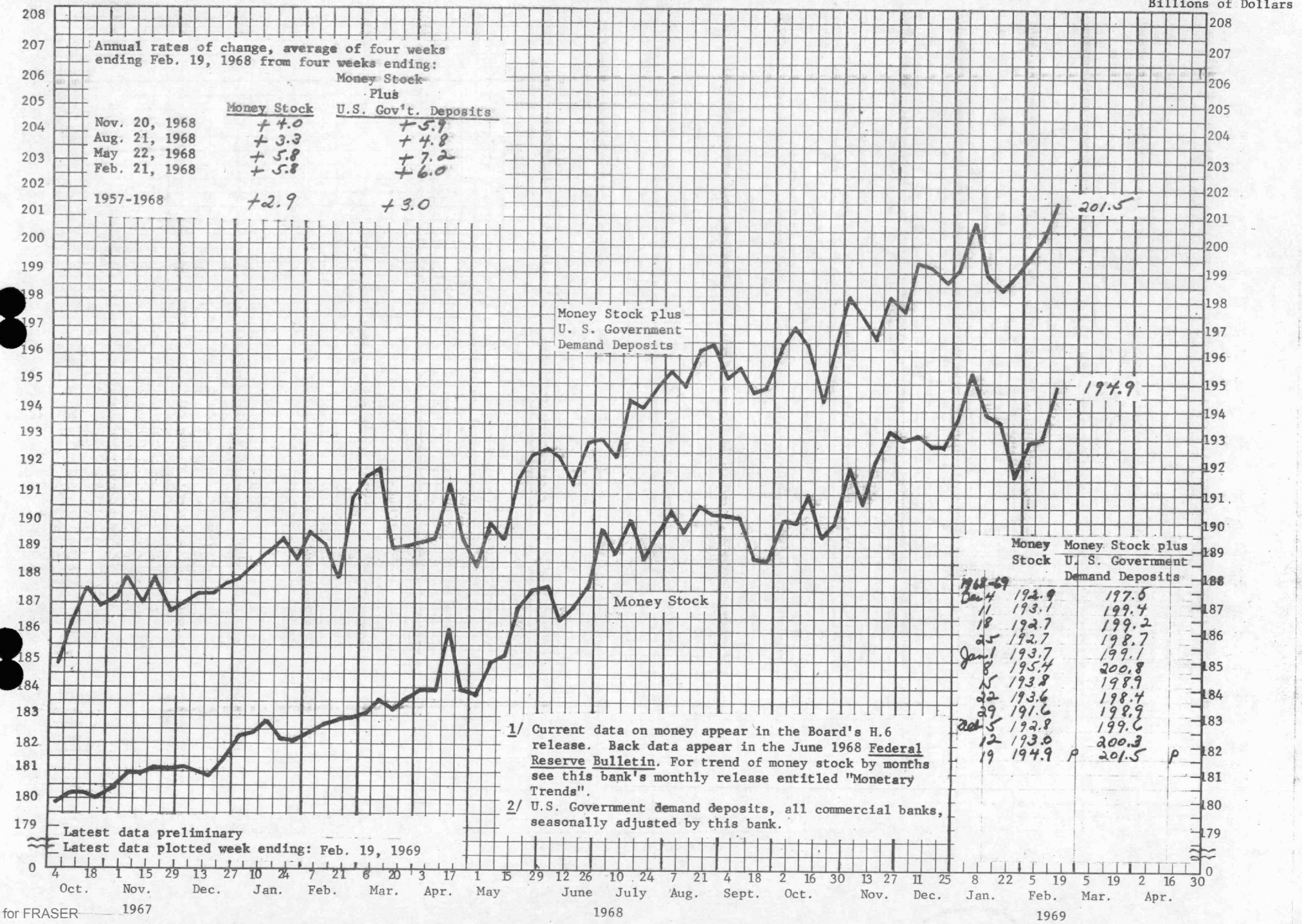
1/ MONEY STOCK 1/

MONEY STOCK PLUS U.S. GOV'T. DEMAND DEPOSITS 2/

Seasonally Adjusted

Averages of Daily Figures



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

2/ U.S. Government demand deposits, all commercial banks, seasonally adjusted by this bank.

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MONEY STOCK PLUS TIME DEPOSITS*

Averages of Daily Figures

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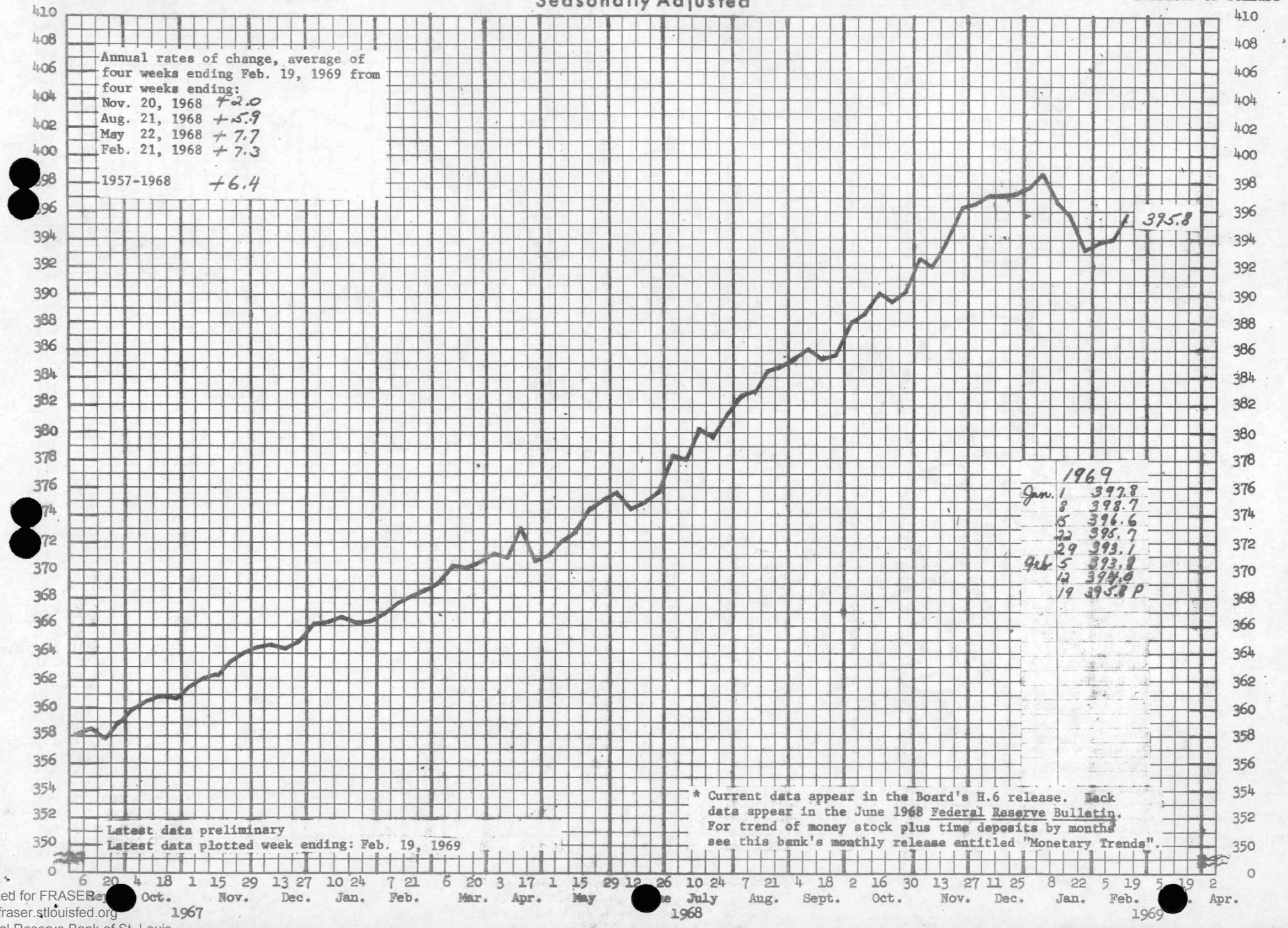

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BUSINESS LOANS
Large Commercial Banks
Wednesday Figures

Billions of Dollars

Billions of Dollars

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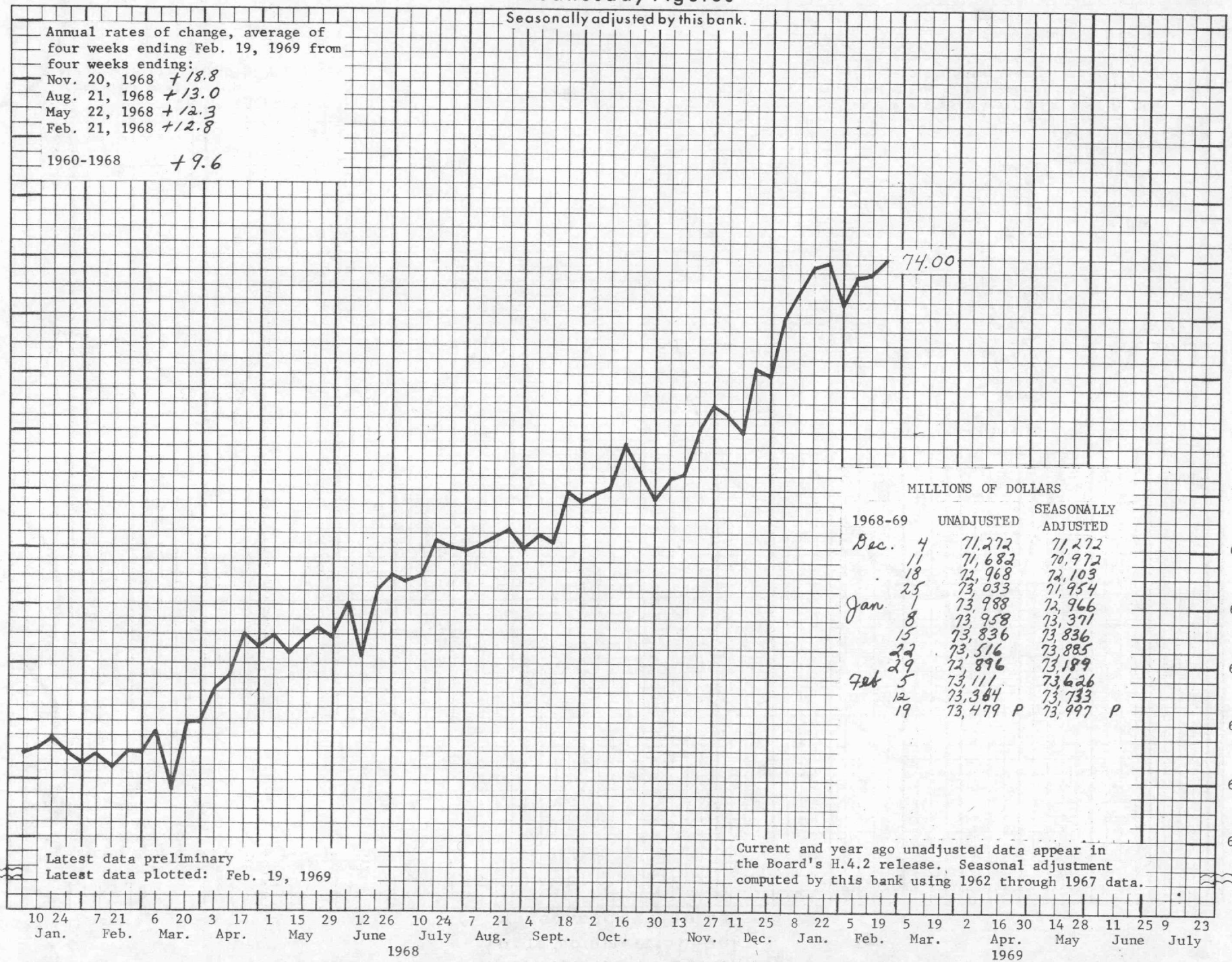
Annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending Feb. 19, 1969 from four weeks ending:

Nov. 20, 1968 +18.8
Aug. 21, 1968 +13.0
May 22, 1968 +12.3
Feb. 21, 1968 +12.8

1960-1968 +9.6



MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

1968-69		UNADJUSTED	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
Dec.	4	71,272	71,272
	11	71,682	70,972
	18	72,968	72,103
	25	73,033	71,954
Jan	1	73,988	72,966
	8	73,958	73,371
	15	73,836	73,836
	22	73,516	73,885
	29	72,896	73,189
Feb	5	73,111	73,626
	12	73,364	73,733
	19	73,479 P	73,997 P

Latest data preliminary
Latest data plotted: Feb. 19, 1969

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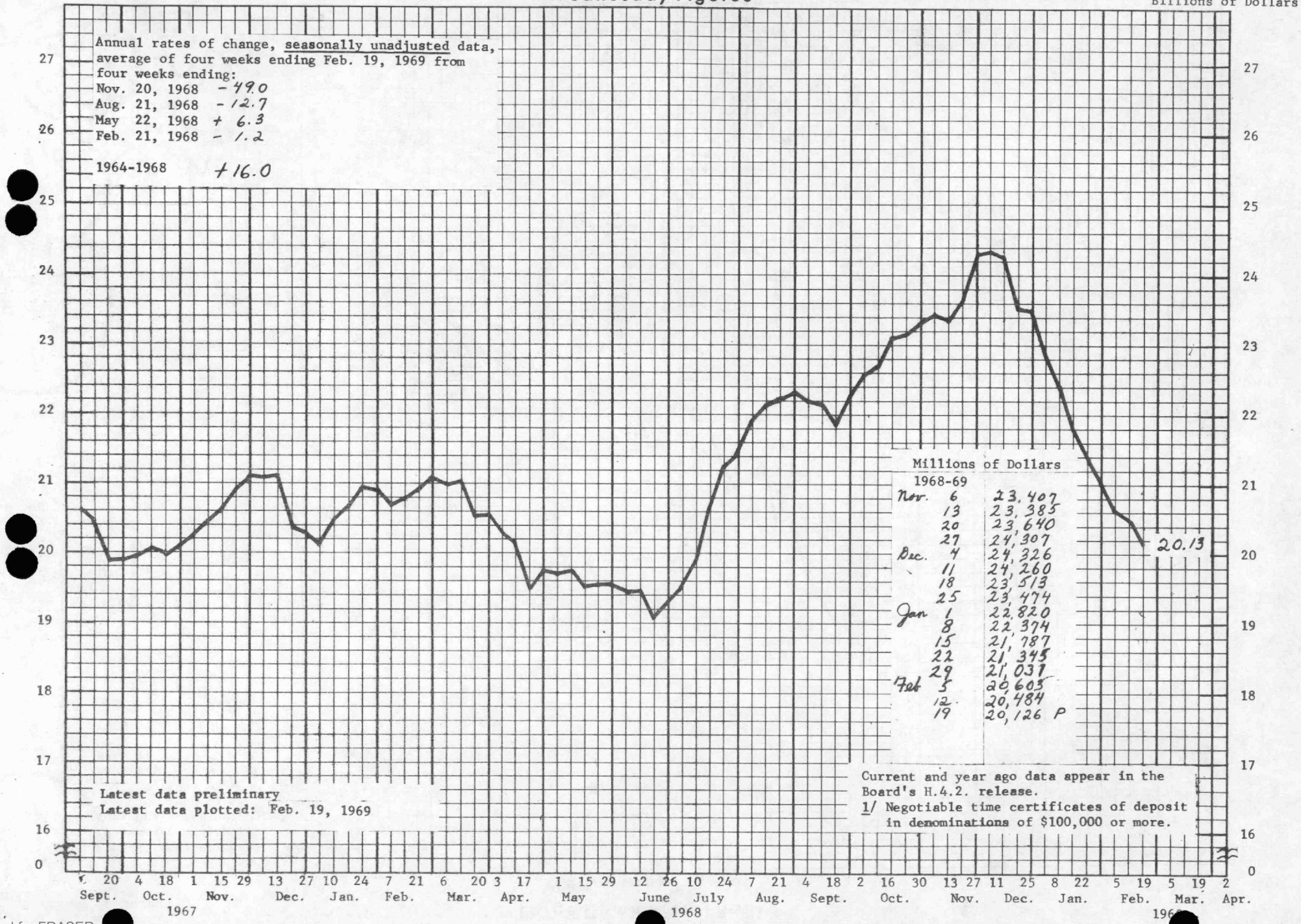
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT [1]
Large Commercial Banks
Wednesday Figures



Millions of Dollars 1968-69		
Nov.	6	23,407
	13	23,385
	20	23,640
	27	24,307
Dec.	4	24,326
	11	24,260
	18	23,513
	25	23,474
Jan	1	22,820
	8	22,374
	15	21,787
	22	21,345
	29	21,037
Feb	5	20,603
	12	20,484
	19	20,126 P

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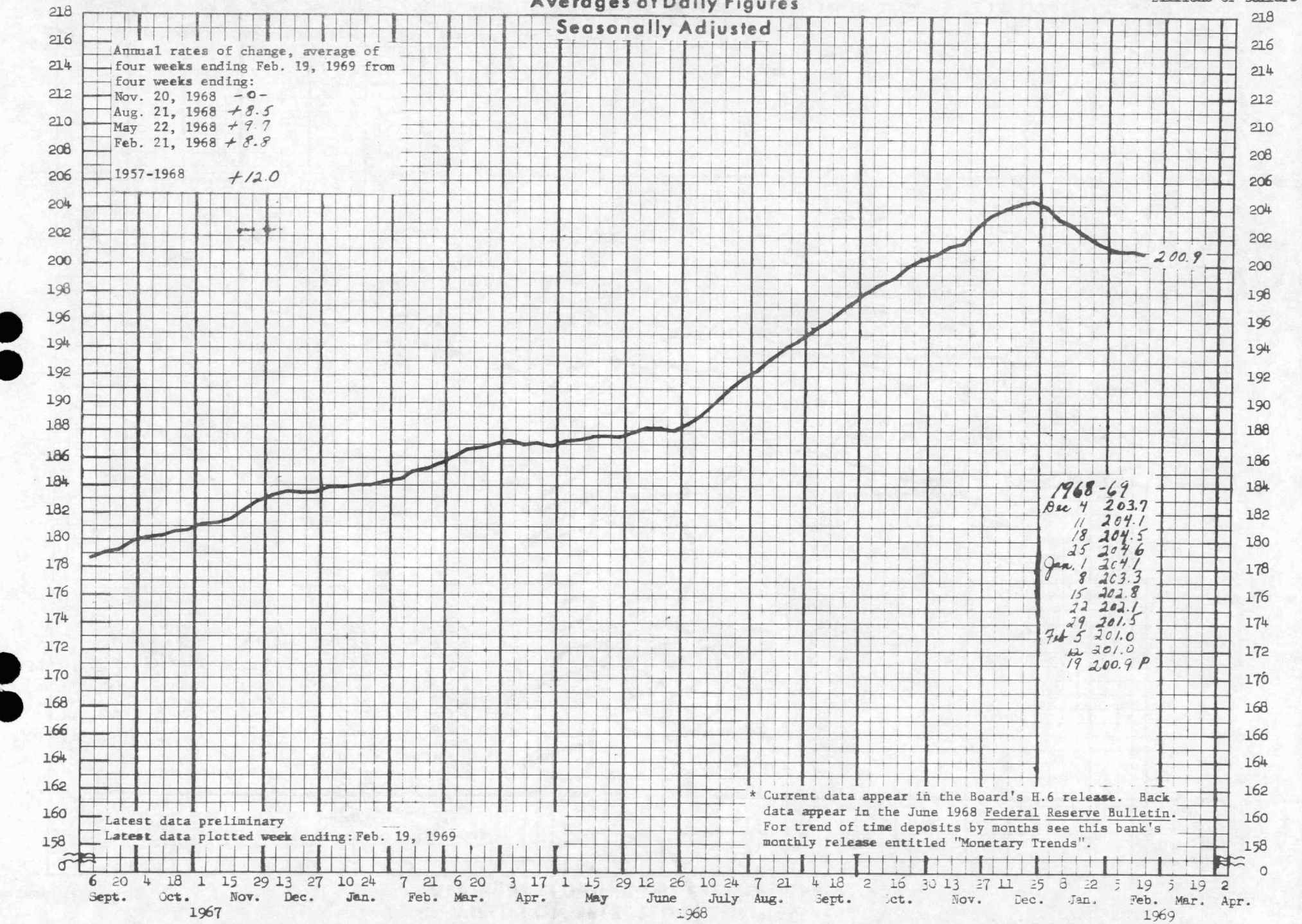
TIME DEPOSITS*
All Commercial Banks
Averages of Daily Figures
Seasonally Adjusted



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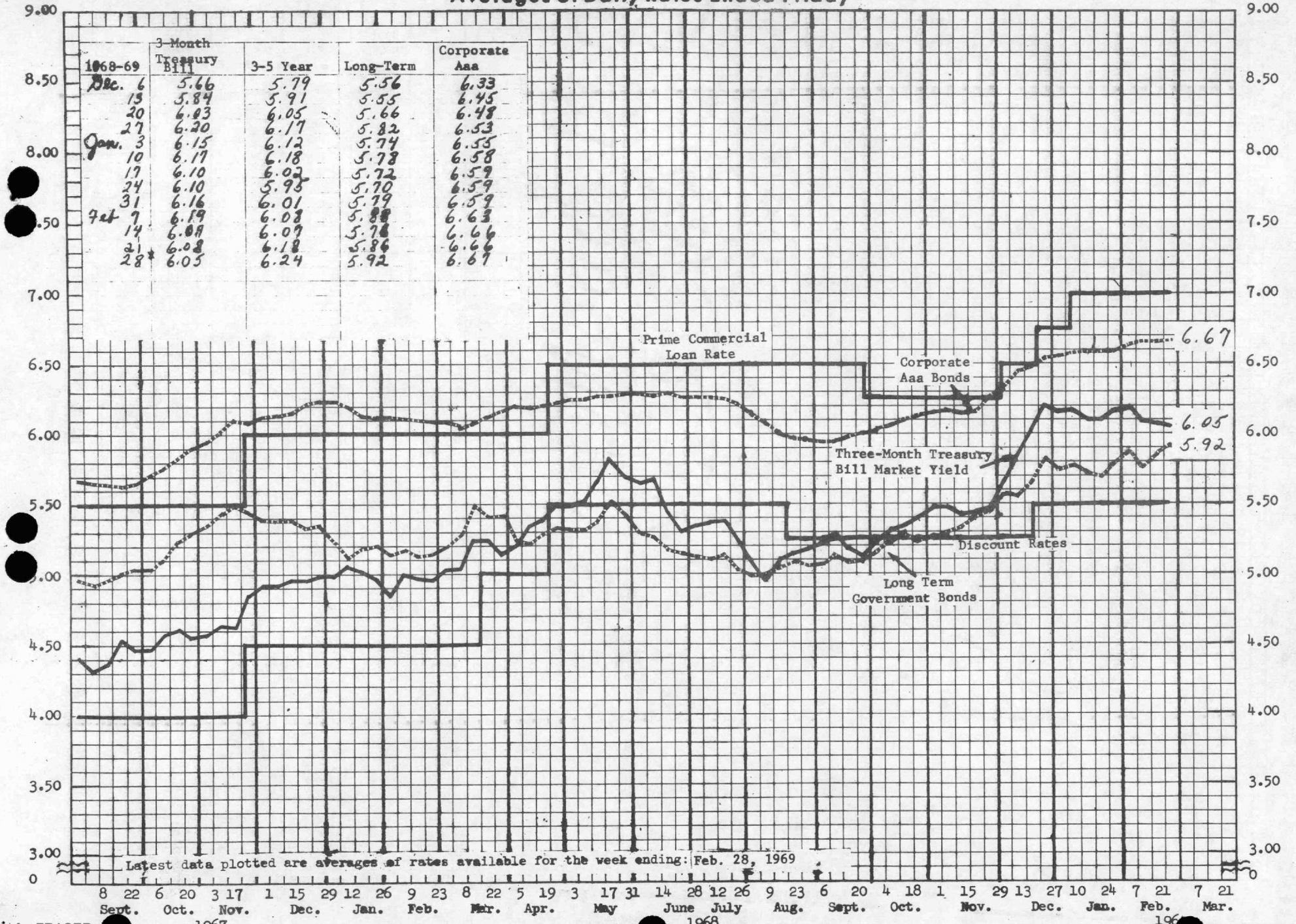
YIELDS ON SELECTED SECURITIES

Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday

1968-69	3-Month Treasury Bill	3-5 Year	Long-Term	Corporate Aaa
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
Jan. 3	6.15	6.12	5.74	6.55
10	6.17	6.18	5.78	6.58
17	6.10	6.02	5.72	6.59
24	6.10	5.95	5.70	6.59
31	6.16	6.01	5.79	6.59
Feb 7	6.19	6.08	5.88	6.63
14	6.08	6.07	5.78	6.66
21	6.08	6.18	5.86	6.66
28*	6.05	6.24	5.92	6.67



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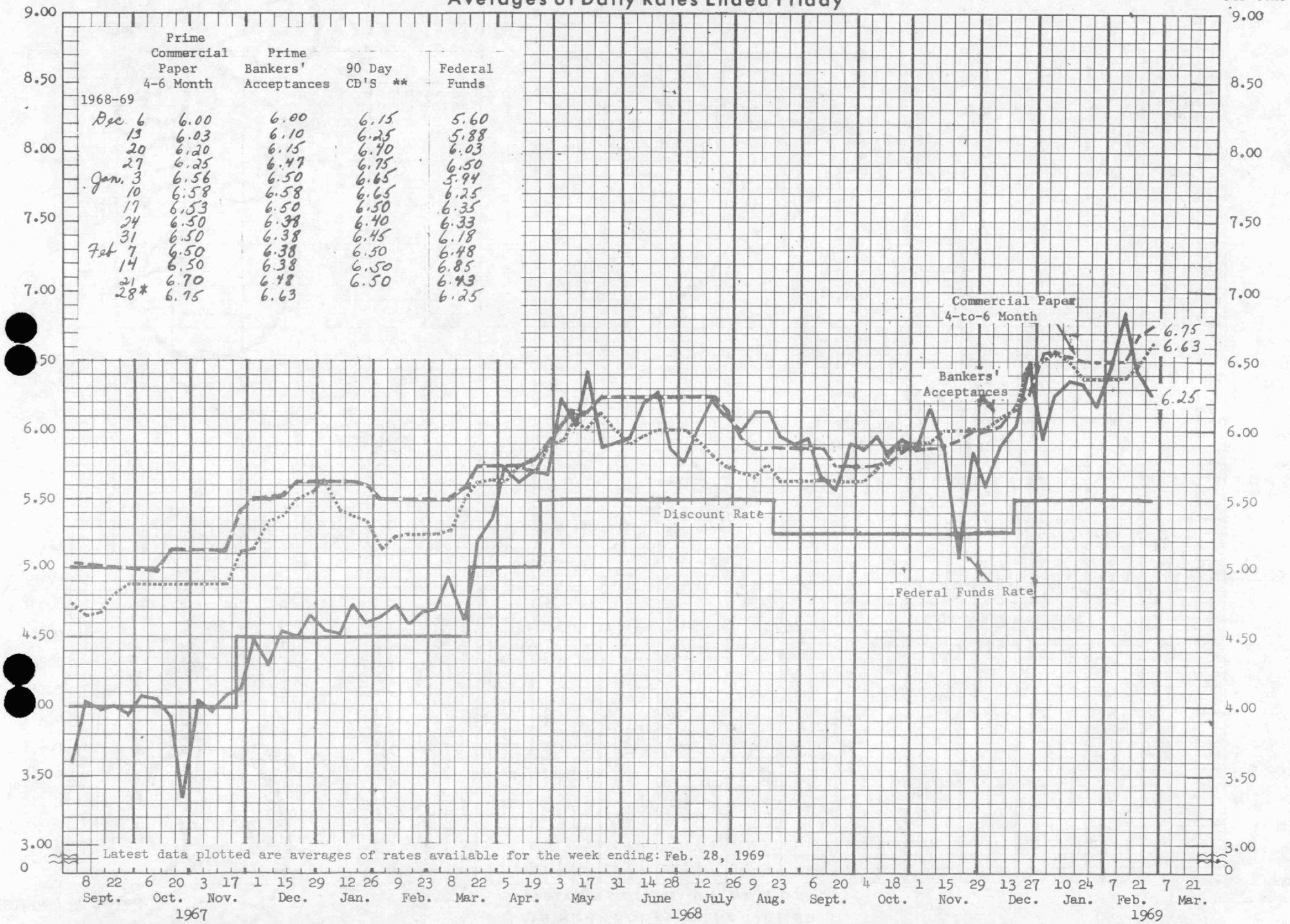
SELECTED SHORT-TERM INTEREST RATES
Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday



1968-69	Prime Commercial Paper 4-6 Month	Prime Bankers' Acceptances	90 Day CD'S **	Federal Funds
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
Jan. 3	6.56	6.50	6.65	5.94
10	6.58	6.58	6.65	6.25
17	6.53	6.50	6.50	6.35
24	6.50	6.38	6.40	6.33
31	6.50	6.38	6.45	6.18
Feb. 7	6.50	6.38	6.50	6.48
14	6.50	6.38	6.50	6.85
21	6.70	6.48	6.50	6.43
28*	6.75	6.63		6.25

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

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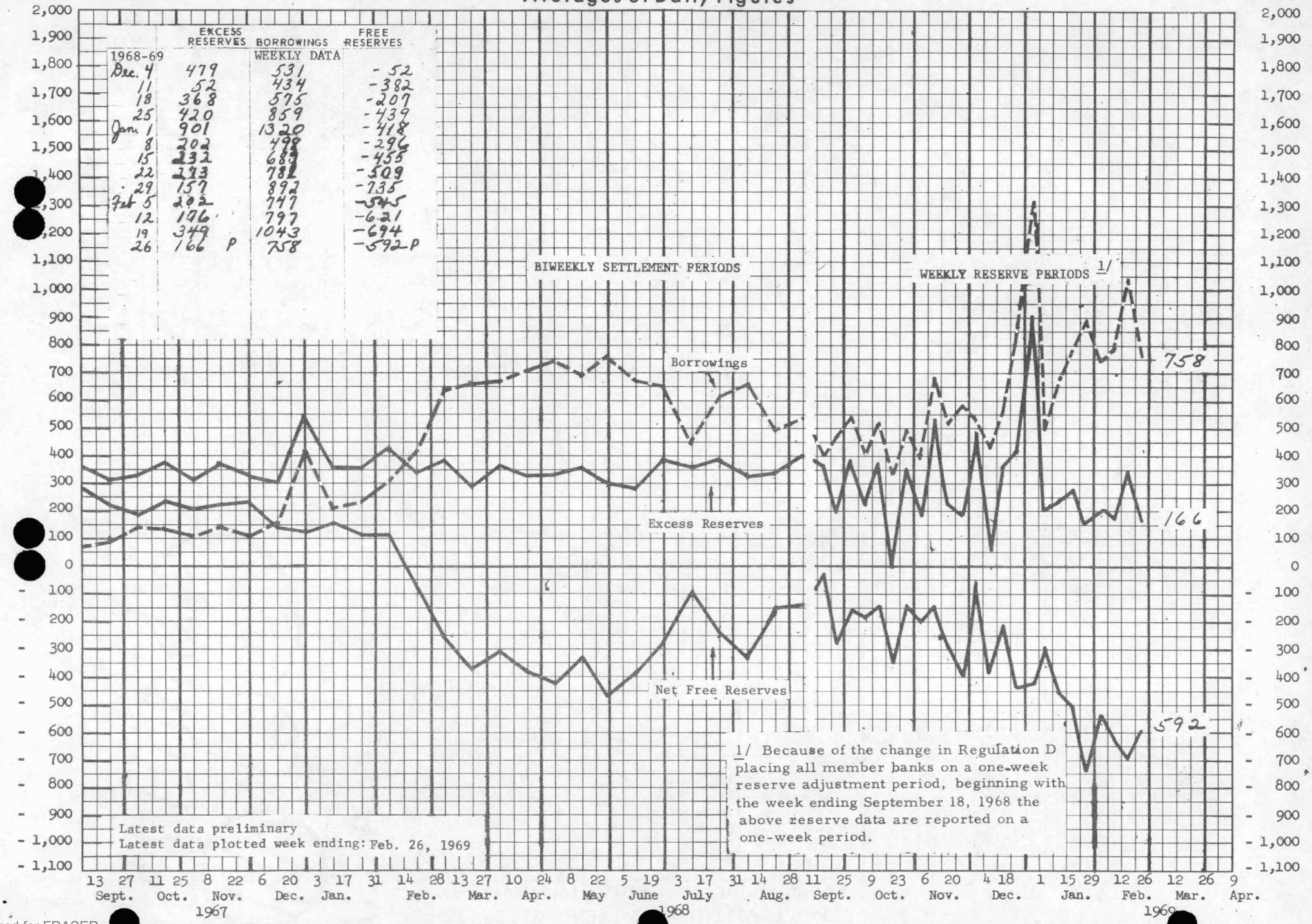
BORROWINGS AND EXCESS RESERVES
All Member Banks in the Nation
Averages of Daily Figures



1968-69	EXCESS RESERVES	BORROWINGS	FREE RESERVES
		WEEKLY DATA	
Dec. 4	479	531	-52
11	52	434	-382
18	368	575	-207
25	420	859	-439
Jan. 1	901	1320	-418
8	202	498	-296
15	232	687	-455
22	293	782	-509
29	157	892	-735
Feb. 5	202	747	-545
12	176	797	-621
19	349	1043	-694
26	166 p	758	-592 p

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DEMAND DEPOSIT COMPONENT OF MONEY STOCK*

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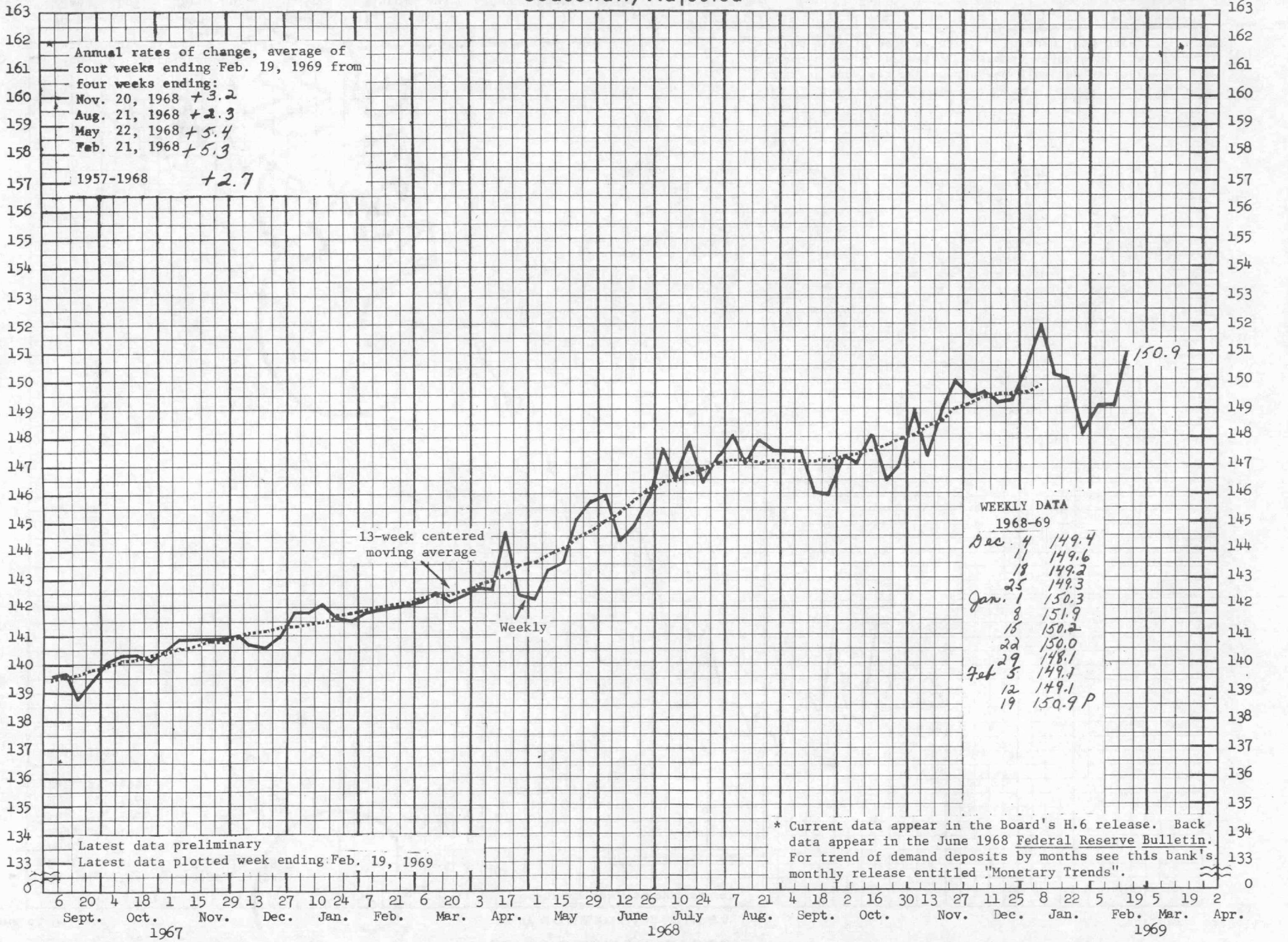

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TOTAL CREDIT
Large Commercial Banks
Wednesday Figures

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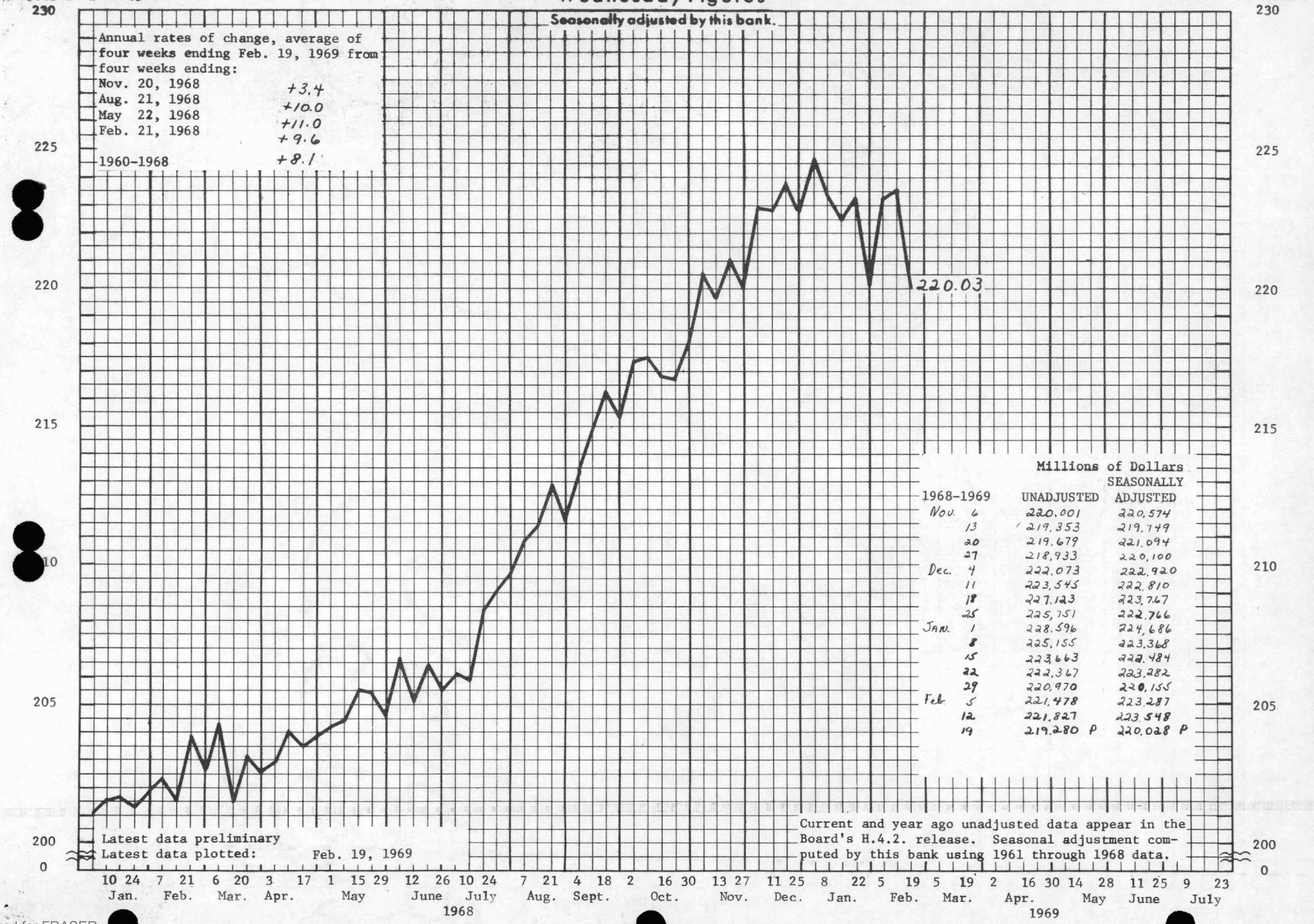

Millions of Dollars

1968-1969		UNADJUSTED	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
Nov.	6	220,001	220,574
	13	219,353	219,749
	20	219,679	221,094
	27	218,933	220,100
Dec.	4	222,073	222,920
	11	223,545	222,810
	18	227,123	223,767
	25	225,751	222,766
Jan.	1	228,596	224,686
	8	225,155	223,368
	15	223,663	222,484
	22	222,367	223,282
	29	220,970	220,155
Feb.	5	221,478	223,287
	12	221,827	223,548
	19	219,280 P	220,028 P

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