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PRESS STATEMENT.

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Below is given the Federal Reserve Board's eighteenth weekly statement of total debits to deposit account, reported through the Federal Reserve banks by about 150 of the country's more important clearing houses. Transactions cover the weekly periods ending Wednesday December 11th and December 18. The statement closes with a recapitulation giving comparative data by reserve districts for those centers reporting complete data for both weeks. Figures for the latest week show gains in debits to individual account in most of the districts, though debits to bank account do not indicate commensurate gains. This is particularly true of the New York and Chicago district figures. On the other hand figures for the Philadelphia and Atlanta districts while indicative of slight decreases in debits to individual account, show substantial gains in debits to bank account.

Comparative data for the last two weeks cover debit transactions for clearing house banks in 152 centers.

Figures of reporting clearing houses by Federal Reserve districts are as follows, (in thousands of dollars, i.e., 000's omitted):

	Debits to Individual Account		Debits to Banks' and Bankers' Account	
	December 11	December 18	December 11	December 18
1. BOSTON				
Bangor	2,622	2,717	436	425
Boston	236,821	231,125	236,632	228,327
Fall River	6,729	7,859	368	343
Hartford	18,555	20,301	1,430	1,547
Holyoke	2,596	3,374	492	519
Lowell	5,034	5,474	378	327
New Bedford	5,425	5,878	170	244
New Haven	15,053	16,739	567	452
Portland	8,576	7,810	1,531	3,669
Providence	27,687	31,172	1,695	2,011
Springfield	13,214	14,496	500	242
Waterbury	8,841	7,933	738	650
Worcester	13,852	14,987	1,318	1,961
2. NEW YORK				
Albany	19,416	18,282	11,649	12,797
Binghamton	2,539	3,139		
Buffalo	57,179	55,780	13,121	12,373
New York	3,699,541	3,815,554	1,638,021	1,602,214
Passaic	3,978	3,693	328	371
Rochester	22,661	25,065	715	781
Syracuse	12,306	15,138	297	570
3. PHILADELPHIA				
Altoona	2,877	2,137		
Chester	5,145	5,388	58	25
Harrisburg	5,950	6,375	28	25
Johnstown	2,514	3,190	280	204
Lancaster	4,148	4,208	269	33
Philadelphia	294,545	294,752	360,537	402,492
Reading	3,533	4,404	1	1
Scranton	11,626	9,565	1,587	2,176
Trenton	9,715	9,642	398	118
Wilkes Barre	6,449	6,401	136	113
Williamsport	3,001	3,210	280	360
Wilmington	10,596	9,317		
York	2,896	3,345	45	43

	Debits to Individual	Debits to Banks' and
	Account.	Bankers' Account
	December 11 : December 18	December 11 : December 18

4. CLEVELAND

Alcon	14,956	14,273	229	500
Cincinnati	53,326	58,564	45,036	47,969
Cleveland	141,275	133,144	105,607	107,955
Columbus	22,987	25,231	3,716	3,176
Dayton	10,426	10,937	398	687
Eric	6,496	6,945	120	193
Greensburg, Pa	3,098	2,713		
Lexington, Ky.	3,467	4,317	2,606	2,894
Oil City	2,869	4,866	2,437	3,211
Pittsburgh	156,824	181,756	334,784	310,671
Springfield	2,595	3,067	2,291	3,001
Toledo	22,896	24,785	8,088	8,857
Wheeling	6,512	7,697	6,179	5,993
Youngstown	12,562	9,970	814	591

5. RICHMOND

Baltimore	82,820	84,732	46,484	46,442
Charleston	5,193	6,505	1,580	1,680
Charlotte	5,700	6,400	7,500	8,400
Columbia	8,025	8,886	3,207	3,690
Norfolk	17,595	19,136	26,685	27,801
Raleigh	4,540	4,337	3,180	3,534
Richmond	25,056	24,617	81,591	80,015

6. ATLANTA

Atlanta	22,258	24,764	28,466	27,339
Augusta	7,077	7,433	2,588	2,838
Birmingham	12,638	13,246	4,571	4,731
Chattanooga	10,840	10,081	3,904	5,070
Jacksonville	9,708	10,676	8,039	8,324
Knoxville	5,400	5,600	1,600	1,700
Macon	6,482	6,661	4,752	4,372
Mobile	7,443	6,774	727	999
Montgomery	5,046	4,386	480	784
Nashville	23,799	24,470	14,960	15,345
New Orleans	69,446	66,790	42,894	44,525
Pensacola	2,171	2,387	796	1,446
Savannah	14,180	13,842	9,773	10,705
Tampa	4,945	4,365	1,436	1,595
Vicksburg	2,169	1,940	238	215

7. CHICAGO

Bay City	2,753	2,673	577	448
Bloomington	2,279	2,373	935	918
Cedar Rapids (a)	13,551	5,831		6,928
Chicago	593,580	615,669	606,367	562,237
Davenport	5,834	5,839	1,614	1,684
Decatur, Ill.	2,954	2,752	590	453
Des Moines	17,392	15,961	39,569	33,967
Detroit	88,768	107,322	44,497	46,053
Dubuque	2,000	2,022	1,500	1,356
Flint	4,803	3,131	57	25
Fort Wayne	4,768	5,198	1,848	1,806
Grand Rapids	16,532	12,849	4,049	4,422
Indianapolis	32,450	31,193	25,485	24,611
Kalamazoo	2,949	3,183	438	444
Lansing	2,796	2,957	235	134
Milwaukee	51,614	58,054	31,232	29,026
Peoria	8,212	11,072	1,592	2,308
Rockford, Ill.	4,964	4,659	77	204
Sioux City, Ia.	15,267	16,238	12,234	12,557
South Bend	2,870	3,380	1,672	2,922
Springfield, Ill	3,690	3,014	1,779	2,039
Waterloo, Ia.	2,852	3,280	1,146	1,003

	Debits to Individual Accounts		Debits to Banks and Partners' Accounts	
	December 11	December 18	December 11	December 18
8. ST. LOUIS				
Evansville	3,006	4,361	1,576	1,215
Little Rock	8,858	9,205	6,793	8,267
Louisville	41,042	49,936	28,087	26,613
Memphis	32,926	33,971	29,187	31,821
St. Louis	140,753	149,453	139,595	134,810
9. MINNEAPOLIS				
Aberdeen	1,154	1,663	1,172	1,141
Billings	2,483	1,899	1,319	785
Duluth	47,699	47,662	5,797	5,718
Fargo	2,952	2,883	3,910	4,205
Grand Forks	1,646	1,693	2,157	2,080
Great Falls	3,786	3,512	6,249	5,982
Helena	2,866	2,462	4,715	6,724
Minneapolis	101,506	91,037	103,612	86,291
St. Paul	34,293	44,094	61,754	54,333
Superior	1,294	2,685	119	171
10. KANSAS CITY				
Atchison	887	858	539	618
Bartlesville, Okla.	1,954	1,963	75	81
Colorado Spgs	2,183	2,009	1,129	770
Denver	27,182	29,805	20,901	22,845
Joplin	3,090	3,624	669	638
Kansas City, Kas.	3,433	3,790	5,272	5,682
Kansas City, Mo.	82,573	88,927	175,743	173,476
Muskogee, Okla.	2,813	3,428	2,489	2,536
Oklahoma City	15,410	14,441	11,694	11,213
Omaha	62,289	63,535	61,031	61,349
Pueblo	3,601	5,265	1,348	861
St. Joseph	24,207	22,889	18,913	17,817
Topeka	4,948	4,688	1,698	1,465
Tulsa	18,486	19,391	3,913	5,814
Wichita	8,112	8,546	14,067	13,323
11. DALLAS				
Albuquerque	1,501	1,590	3,566	3,570
Austin	3,555	3,980	2,800	3,167
Beaumont	4,307	3,581	470	401
Dallas	29,569	30,274	63,833	53,862
El Paso	5,570	5,782	7,480	6,640
Fort Worth	12,167	15,847	25,910	38,849
Galveston	8,913	10,040	5,307	6,224
Houston	26,882	27,331	50,071	41,760
San Antonio (a)	7,349 (a)	6,535		
Shreveport	5,830	5,594	3,742	3,922
Texarkana	1,263	1,527	520	508
Tucson	1,711	1,530	1,629	1,530
Waco	4,010	3,936	2,478	2,804

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12. SAN FRANCISCO				
Boise	2,546	2,901	6,765	4,918
Fresno	6,966	7,164	4,389	4,887
Long Beach	2,082	2,718	115	95
Los Angeles	54,191	56,715	36,240	40,568
Oakland	14,385	12,368	2,614	2,631
Ogden	4,547	5,720	7,441	7,348
Pasadena	2,025	2,135	158	251
Portland	40,653	42,542	29,204	28,595
Reno	1,846	1,682	1,333	1,395
Sacramento	15,255	14,276	5,672	4,802
Salt Lake City	15,832	22,193	24,631	28,740
San Diego	4,709	5,063	338	670
San Francisco	152,794	161,586	116,175	97,804
Seattle	48,234	49,988	24,577	22,820
Spokane	9,259	8,951	9,330	8,602
Stockton	4,307	5,183	2,950	3,615
Tacoma	10,667	11,341	8,836	10,293
Yakima	2,033	2,034	588	744

Recapitulation showing figures for centers reporting both weeks.

Federal Reserve District	: Number of: : centers : : included :	Debits to Individual		Debits to Banks' and	
		Account		Bankers' Account	
		December 11	December 18	December 11	December 18
1. Boston	13	365,005	369,865	246,255	240,717
2. New York	7	3,817,620	3,936,651	1,664,131	1,629,106
3. Philadelphia	13	362,995	361,934	363,619	405,590
4. Cleveland	14	460,289	488,265	512,305	495,698
5. Richmond	7	148,929	154,613	170,227	171,562
6. Atlanta	15	203,602	203,415	125,224	129,988
7. Chicago	22	882,878	918,650	777,493	735,545
8. St. Louis	5	226,585	246,926	205,238	202,726
9. Minneapolis	10	199,679	199,590	190,804	167,430
10. Kansas City	15	261,168	273,158	319,481	318,488
11. Dallas	13	112,627	117,547	167,806	163,237
12. San Francisco	18	392,331	414,560	281,356	268,778
GRAND TOTAL	152	7,433,708	7,685,174	5,023,939	4,928,865

(a) Figures comprise debits to both individual as well as to banks' and bankers' account.