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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
 (Based on retail dollar amount)

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Department store stocks at the end of October continued unchanged for the third consecutive month after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The seasonally adjusted index for the month is estimated at 129 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 122 for October last year and an average of 126 for the first 10 months of 1955.

| Federal Reserve District | Index Numbers (average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100) | | | | | | Percentage change October 1955 from | |
|--------------------------|--|-------|------|------------|-------|------|--|----------|
| | Seasonally adjusted | | | Unadjusted | | | Month ago | Year ago |
| | 1955 | | 1954 | 1955 | | 1954 | | |
| | Oct. | Sept. | Oct. | Oct. | Sept. | Oct. | | |
| Boston | 123 | 124 | 116 | 139 | 127 | 131 | + 9 | + 6 |
| New York | 117 | 116 | r116 | 131 | 123 | r130 | + 7 | + 1 |
| Philadelphia | 125 | 126 | 115 | 144 | 132 | 132 | + 9 | + 9 |
| Cleveland | 119 | 118 | 114 | 133 | 123 | 128 | + 8 | + 4 |
| Richmond | 152 | 150 | r144 | 168 | 155 | r159 | + 9 | + 6 |
| Atlanta | p156 | r156 | 142 | p170 | 163 | 155 | + 5 | +10 |
| Chicago | 120 | 121 | 117 | 137 | 127 | r134 | + 8 | + 2 |
| St. Louis | 129 | 123 | 113 | 145 | 133 | 127 | + 9 | +14 |
| Minneapolis | 125 | 122 | 118 | 136 | 128 | 128 | + 6 | + 6 |
| Kansas City | 141 | 135 | r128 | 152 | 140 | r138 | + 8 | +10 |
| Dallas | 147 | 146 | 134 | 162 | 155 | 148 | + 4 | +10 |
| San Francisco | p134 | 137 | r127 | p153 | 142 | 144 | + 8 | + 6 |
| United States | p129 | 129 | 122 | p145 | 135 | 137 | + 7 | + 6 |

p--Preliminary.

r--Revised.

Note:--Indexes are based on value of stocks at end of month. For description and monthly indexes for the period January 1919 to October 1951 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1951, pp. 1463-1515. Indexes for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin. Percentage changes are based on unadjusted indexes.