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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS  
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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FEDERAL RESERVE  
BANK OF CHICAGO

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The retail dollar value of department store inventories showed little change from November to December, after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The adjusted index is estimated at 143 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 142 for November and 135 for December 1955. The year-end dollar value of stocks was 6 per cent greater than at the end of 1955.

Federal Reserve District	Index Numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Dec. 1956 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1956		1955	1956		1955		
	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.		
Boston	p129	130	126	p120	152	117	-21	+ 3
New York	132	131	121	p121	150	110	-19	+ 9
Philadelphia	137	r136	131	121	157	116	-23	+ 5
Cleveland	p130	129	124	p116	146	110	-21	+ 5
Richmond	p177	r176	r158	p148	r190	r132	-22	+12
Atlanta	p169	173	156	p148	195	137	-24	+ 8
Chicago	p137	135	127	p123	157	115	-21	+ 8
St. Louis	p136	r137	133	p123	r154	120	-20	+ 3
Minneapolis	139	137	132	124	153	118	-18	+ 5
Kansas City	p145	147	r145	p131	163	r131	-20	0
Dallas	p158	156	r161	p142	174	r145	-18	- 2
San Francisco	p146	149	r143	p123	164	r120	-25	+ 2
United States	p143	r142	r135	p126	161	119	-22	+ 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.