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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Seasonally adjusted department store stocks continued to rise in October and the index for the month is estimated to be 152 per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with a 150 index in September and a 148 in both July and August. However, the preliminary October index of 152 is still 2 per cent below the 155 index level of October a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Oct. 1958 from *	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1958		1957	1958		1957		
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.		
Boston	142	141	138	161	147	156	+ 1	+ 3
New York	142	137	138	160	144	r156	+ 4	+ 3
Philadelphia	158	r155	156	182	r163	180	+ 2	+ 1
Cleveland	131	132	139	147	137	154	0	- 5
Richmond	176	175	174	201	181	198	+ 1	+ 1
Atlanta	203	198	208	221	206	227	+ 2	- 2
Chicago	146	145	147	160	151	161	+ 1	- 1
St. Louis	136	136	151	153	143	169	0	-10
Minneapolis	141	142	148	156	148	164	- 1	- 5
Kansas City	p159	155	r162	p173	159	177	+ 3	- 2
Dallas	p170	164	176	p187	174	193	+ 3	- 3
San Francisco	p158	158	r164	p178	164	r184	0	- 4
United States	p152	150	155	p170	157	r173	+ 1	- 2

* Based on seasonally adjusted indexes. 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 1947 to October 1957 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1957, pp. 1323-1352. Indexes prior to 1947 may be obtained from the Division of Research and Statistics. Indexes for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin.