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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks continued to increase in September and the seasonally adjusted index is estimated to have reached 161 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This is 1 per cent above the 160 index of August and 7 per cent above the 150 level of September 1958.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Sept. 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959		1958	1959		1958		
	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.		
Boston	148	147	141	154	143	147	+ 1	+ 5
New York	144	145	r136	151	142	r143	- 1	+ 6
Philadelphia	161	162	r152	169	156	r160	- 1	+ 6
Cleveland	139	136	132	145	130	137	+ 3	+ 6
Richmond	188	186	r176	194	181	181	+ 1	+ 7
Atlanta	p221	217	198	p230	212	206	+ 2	+12
Chicago	157	159	145	163	152	151	- 1	+ 8
St. Louis	147	147	136	154	145	143	0	+ 8
Minneapolis	146	148	142	152	145	148	- 2	+ 2
Kansas City	p159	157	r156	p164	155	r160	+ 1	+ 2
Dallas	p182	182	164	p192	182	174	0	+11
San Francisco	p169	165	r159	p176	166	r166	+ 2	+ 6
United States	p161	160	150	p168	156	157	+ 1	+ 7

* 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.