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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks declined 1 per cent in
October after allowance for seasonal variation. The
October index is estimated at 159 per cent of the 1947-49
average compared with 161 in September and 152 in October 1958.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Oct. 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959		1958	1959		1958		
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.		
Boston	145	148	142	164	154	161	- 2	+ 2
New York	143	144	r138	161	151	r156	0	+ 3
Philadelphia	160	161	r154	184	169	r177	- 1	+ 4
Cleveland	139	139	131	156	145	147	0	+ 6
Richmond	180	188	r177	205	194	201	- 4	+ 2
Atlanta	225	222	202	245	230	221	+ 2	+11
Chicago	151	157	146	167	163	160	- 3	+ 4
St. Louis	145	147	136	163	154	153	- 1	+ 7
Minneapolis	146	146	141	162	152	156	0	+ 4
Kansas City	p160	159	160	p174	164	r174	+ 1	0
Dallas	p187	182	r169	p206	192	r186	+ 3	+10
San Francisco	p162	170	r160	p182	176	r180	- 5	+ 1
United States	p159	161	152	p178	168	170	- 1	+ 5

* 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.