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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
(Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks increased 1 per cent in
November and were 5 per cent above the year-ago level. The
seasonally adjusted index for November is estimated at 160
per cent of the 1947-49 average compared with 158 in October
and 152 in November 1958.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Nov. 1959 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1959		1958	1959		1958		
	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.		
Boston	145	145	142	170	164	166	0	+ 2
New York	145	r144	140	167	r162	161	+ 1	+ 4
Philadelphia	160	r159	r155	184	r183	r179	+ 1	+ 3
Cleveland	142	139	130	160	156	147	+ 2	+ 9
Richmond	p183	180	180	p207	205	r204	+ 2	+ 1
Atlanta	p223	225	207	p252	245	234	- 1	+ 8
Chicago	149	151	143	170	167	163	- 2	+ 4
St. Louis	142	145	137	162	163	153	- 2	+ 4
Minneapolis	150	r147	140	169	r163	159	+ 2	+ 7
Kansas City	p164	160	166	p182	174	r185	+ 3	- 2
Dallas	p187	185	172	p206	203	r189	+ 1	+ 9
San Francisco	p175	162	r161	p196	182	r181	+ 8	+ 8
United States	p160	158	r152	p182	177	173	+ 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.