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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS (Based on retail dollar amounts)

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Department store stocks at the end of February were one per cent under January's level but 4 per cent higher than February a year ago. The Board's seasonally adjusted index for February stood at 119 per cent of the 1957-59 average.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1957-59=100)						Percentage change Feb. 1963 from*	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1963		1962	1963		1962		
	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.		
Boston	119	119	115	109	104	106	0	+ 4
New York	116	117	r113	109	106	106	- 1	+ 3
Philadelphia	109	113	110	103	99	103	- 3	0
Cleveland	122	125	114	113	106	106	- 3	+ 6
Richmond	119	121	118	109	r106	108	- 2	+ 1
Atlanta	127	129	111	124	116	r107	- 1	+15
Chicago	119	120	114	110	103	106	- 1	+ 4
St. Louis	120	117	114	111	104	106	+ 3	+ 5
Minneapolis	112	111	112	106	r 98	106	+ 1	0
Kansas City	p114	111	r112	p108	101	107	+ 2	+ 1
Dallas	p113	113	r110	p106	99	r104	0	+ 3
San Francisco	p127	128	r121	p120	115	115	- 1	+ 5
United States	p119	120	115	p112	107	r107	- 1	+ 4

*--Based on seasonally adjusted indexes. p--Preliminary r--Revised
Note:--Indexes are based on value of stocks at end of month. For description of the series see Federal Reserve Bulletin for July 1962, pp. 803-808. Back data may be obtained from the Division of Administrative Services. Indexes for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin.

