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CAPITAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

The volume of large security offerings was moderately heavy during the week ending November 25--70 million dollars for State and local government issues and 45 million for corporate common stock flotations. This week large corporate offerings are expected to total 67 million dollars; State and local governments are scheduled to offer 27 million dollars; and the Union of South Africa is floating a 25 million bond issue.

Bond yields rise - Yields on outstanding corporate, State and local government and U. S. Government long-term bonds increased last week, as can be seen from the attached exhibits. Daily figures indicate a further moderate rise in corporate Aaa yields on Monday and a slight increase in Treasury obligation yields on Tuesday of this week.

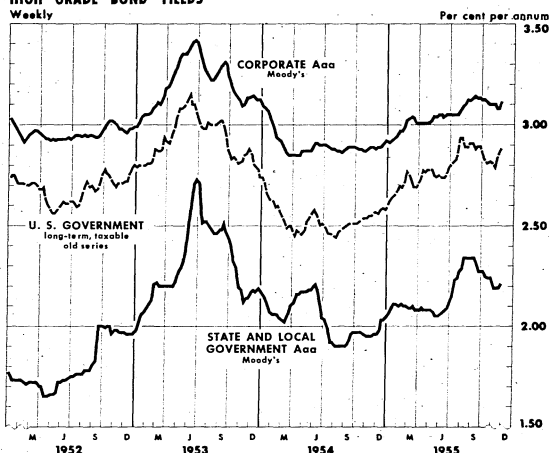
Stock prices - Common stock prices, as measured by the SEC index of 265 common stocks, rose 1.1 points to 268.3 during the week ending November 25. According to daily indexes, prices decreased on Monday but regained almost all of the loss on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

More detailed information concerning recent market developments is presented in the attached exhibits.

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EXHIBIT A

HIGH-GRADE BOND YIELDS



Date	Corporate Aaa 1/	U. S. Govt. long-term 2/	State and local govt., Aaa 3/	Spread between U. S. Govt. and	
				Corporate Aaa	State and local Aaa
(Per cent)					
1952 - High	3.03 (1/4)	2.79 (12/27)	2.00 (10/23)	.37	1.02
Low	2.91 (2/15)	2.56 (5/17)	1.65 (5/1)	.19	.71
1953 - High	3.42 (6/19)	3.15 (6/6)	2.73 (6/25)	.38	.84
Low	2.99 (1/9)	2.78 (12/26)	1.98 (1/8)	.19	.30
1954 - High	3.09 (1/8)	2.74 (1/9)	2.21 (6/10)	.43	.61
Low	2.85 (4/23)	2.44 (8/7)	1.90 (9/2)	.32	.29
1955 - High	3.14 (9/9)	2.94 (8/5)	2.34 (9/8)	.34	.70
Low	2.91 (1/7)	2.62 (1/7)	2.05 (5/26)	.13	.54
October 28	3.10 —	2.81	2.24	.29	.57
November 4	3.10	2.79	2.19	.31	.60
November 11	3.08	2.83	2.19	.25	.64
November 18	3.08	2.86	2.19	.22	.67
November 25	3.11 —	2.88	2.21	.23	.67
Dec. 2	3.12	2.89 (e)	2.27	.23	.62

1/ Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 25-26 years.

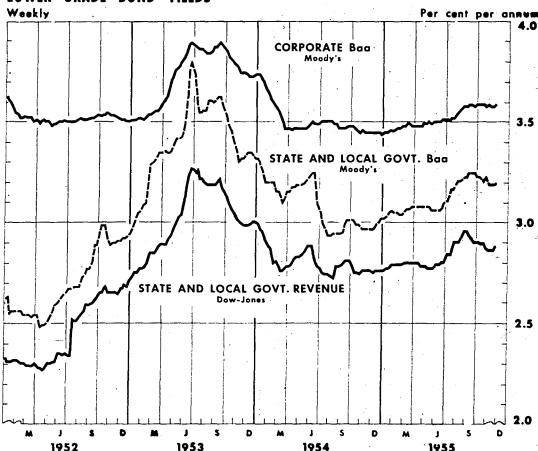
2/ Weekly average of daily figures; old series. Average term to first call of bonds included is 11-14 years.

3/ Thursday figures. Only general obligation bonds are included; average term is 20 years.

Note.—Highs and lows are for individual series and may be on different dates for different series.

EXHIBIT B

LOWER-GRADE BOND YIELDS



Date	Corporate Baa <u>1/</u>	State and local govt. Baa <u>2/</u>	State and local govt. rev. <u>3/</u>
	(Per cent)		
1952 - High	3.63 (1/4)	2.98 (10/23)	2.69 (12/19)
Low	3.48 (5/16)	2.48 (4/17)	2.27 (4/25)
1953 - High	3.89 (9/18)	3.79 (6/25)	3.27 (6/26)
Low	3.50 (1/2)	2.96 (1/8)	2.71 (1/2)
1954 - High	3.74 (1/8)	3.32 (1/7)	3.00 (1/1)
Low	3.44 (12/31)	2.93 (8/5)	2.72 (8/13)
1955 - High	3.59 (11/25)	3.25 (9/22)	2.95 (9/2)
Low	3.45 (1/14)	3.02 (1/6)	2.76 (1/7)
October 28	3.58	3.23	2.87
November 4	3.59	3.19	2.86
November 11	3.58	3.19	2.86
November 18	3.58	3.19	2.86
November 25	3.59	3.20	2.88
Dec 2	3.59	3.24	2.92

1/ Weekly average of daily figures. Average term of bonds included is 25-26 years.

2/ Thursday figures. Only general obligation bonds are included; average term is 20 years.

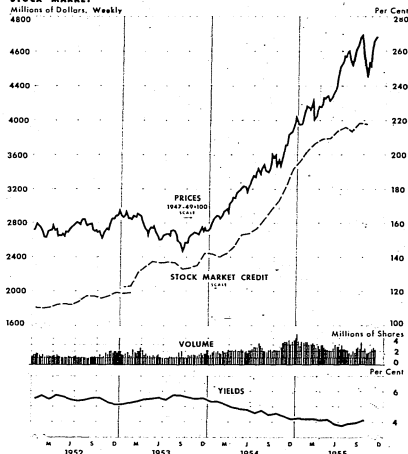
3/ Friday figures. Average rating of bonds included is between Baa and A; average term is 20 years.

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EXHIBIT C

STOCK MARKET

Millions of Dollars, Weekly



Date	Stock price index ^{1/}	Trading volume ^{2/} (millions of shares)	Common stock yields ^{3/} (per cent)	Stock market customer credit		
				Total	Customers' debit bal- ances ^{4/}	Bank loans to "others" ^{5/}
(Millions of dollars)						
1952 - High	165.3 (12/26)	2.0	5.77	1,986	1,332	656
Low	151.7 (10/24)	0.9	5.13	1,804	1,241	552
1953 - High	167.1 (1/2)	2.5	5.75	2,445	1,665	780
Low	144.0 (9/18)	0.9	5.15	2,055	1,314	664
1954 - High	221.4 (12/31)	3.7	5.33	3,436	2,388	1,048
Low	156.5 (1/6)	1.4	4.20	2,405	1,653	746
1955 - High	269.7 (9/23)	4.6	4.22	3,966	2,805	1,217
Low	217.4 (1/14)	1.5	3.78	3,537	2,517	1,018
September	263.6	2.9	3.93	3,966	2,805	1,161
October	250.4	2.0	4.12	3,944	2,749	1,195
November 4	259.1	1.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,215
November 11	265.4	2.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,217
November 18	267.2	2.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1,217
November 25	268.3	2.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

n.a.--Not available.

^{1/} SED index of 265 common stocks, weekly closing prices, 1939=100; converted to 1947-49=100 by Federal Reserve. The conversion factor is 123.91.

^{2/} Averages of daily trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

^{3/} Moody's 200 common stocks; end of month figures.

^{4/} End of month figures for member firms of the New York Stock Exchange which carry margin accounts; excludes balances secured by U. S. Government obligations.

^{5/} Wednesday figures for weekly reporting member banks. Excludes all loans for purchasing or carrying U. S. Governments for 1952; since 1953 only these loans at banks in New York and Chicago are excluded. Weekly reporting banks account for about 72 per cent of loans to others.

Note.--Highs and lows are for individual series and may be on different dates for different series.

Corporate and State and Local Government
Security Offerings and Placements

(In millions of dollars)

	New capital					
	Corporate			State and local		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
January	546	547	623	535	396	390
February	436	426	623	312	411	360
March	1,261	635	666	538	565	426
April	494	497	779	427	734	329
May	903	656	675	350	748	649
June	697	842	1,123	641	853	434
July	583	909	483	470	279	519
August	654	335	325	249	261	259
September	680	747	753	e/390	649	475
October	e/1,200 ^{1/}	1,003	577	e/900	594	453
November	e/650	290	429	e/625	423	408
December		604	1,438 ^{2/}		877	774
1st quarter	2,243	1,608	1,912	1,385	1,372	1,176
2nd quarter	2,094	1,995	2,578	1,418	2,334	1,412
3rd quarter	1,917	1,991	1,561	e/1,109	1,188	1,253
4th quarter		1,896	2,444 ^{2/}		1,894	1,636
Year		7,420	8,495		6,789	5,477
Excluding finance companies ^{3/}						
1st quarter	1,791	1,527	1,669			
2nd quarter	1,912	1,927	1,991			
3rd quarter	1,441	1,911	1,223			
4th quarter		1,792	2,344			
Year		7,158	7,227			

e/ Estimated.

^{1/} Includes 637.2 million dollar AT&T convertible debenture issue.

^{2/} Includes 602.5 million dollar AT&T convertible debenture issue.

^{3/} Total new capital issues excluding offerings of sales and personal finance companies.

Note.--Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

Large Public Security Issues for New Capital
(Other than U. S. Treasury) 1/

Proceeds of Large Issues Offered

(Millions of dollars)

Month	Corporate	State and local government	Other <u>2/</u>
1954 - October	433	388	—
November	0	268	—
December	121	689	30
1955 - January	141	341	35
February	63	107	—
March	750	337	—
April	173	238	15
May	483	152	—
June	175	403	—
July	101	278	—
August	405	65	—
September	328	234	—
October	805	716	—

Large Individual Issues Offered November 1 through 25

Issuer	Type <u>3/</u>	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter- est cost	Offering yield	Rating
<u>CORPORATE</u>						
United Gas	1st & coll. bds.	20.0	1975	3 3/8	3.25	A
New England Tel. & Tel.	Deb.	30.0	1991	3 1/4	3.20	Aa
National Tea Co.	Conv. SF deb.	15.0	1980	3 1/2	3.38	Baa
Pacific Lighting	Pfd. stock	20.0				
Michigan Consolidated Gas	1st mtg. bds.	30.0	1980	3 1/2	3.35	A
Commonwealth Edison	Common stk.	41.6				
Southern Co.	Common stk.	26.4				
Kimberly-Clark Corp.	Common stk.	18.6				
<u>STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
Florida State Board of Education	Rev.	10.6	1957-76	2.87	1.90-2.82	A
State of California	G.O.	60.0	1957-81	2.17	1.50-2.30	Aa
Territory of Hawaii	G.O.	7.5	1958-75	2.44	1.80-2.50	A
Port of New Orleans, La.	G.O.	10.0	1960-90	2.52	2.00-2.70	A

Large Individual Issues Offered November 1 through 25 (Cont'd)

Issuer	Type <u>3/</u>	Amount (millions of dollars)	Maturity	Coupon rate or net inter- est cost	Offering yield	Rating
<u>STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u> (Cont'd)						
Hamilton County, Ohio	G.O.	5.6	1957-81 <u>4/</u>	2.06	1.50-2.10	Aaa
State of Oklahoma	G.O.	9.0	1956-61	1.75	1.35-1.65	Aa
Dallas, Texas	G.O.	10.0	1956-75	2.38	1.50-2.45	A
St. Louis Bd. of Educa- tion, Missouri	G.O.	6.5	1957-75	2.07	1.40-2.10	Aa
Md. State Roads Com- mission	L.L.	15.0	1956-70	2.42	1.60-2.45	Aa
Commonwealth of Mass.	G.O.	159.8	1956-2005	2.31	1.50-2.60	Aa
Sonoma Co. Flood Control & Water Conservation Dist., Calif.	G.O.	5.7	1960-94	2.58	1.75-2.90	Aa
Ga. Rural Roads Auth.	L.L.	14.5	1957-71	2.70	1.75-2.70	A
Orlando, Florida	Rev.	5.4	1956-81	2.82	1.75-2.85	A
New York, New York	G.O.	50.0	1956-70	2.66	1.75-2.70	A
<u>OTHER</u>						
None						

1/ Includes corporate and other security offerings of 15 million dollars and over; State and local government security offerings of 5 million and over.

2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues.

3/ In the case of State and local government securities, G.O. denotes general obligation; Rev., revenue bonds; L.L., limited liability obligations secured by pledge of designated revenues.

4/ 1960-61 maturities not reoffered.

Forthcoming Large Public Security Offerings for New Capital
(Other than U. S. Treasury) 1/

Expected Proceeds from Forthcoming Large Issues

Date of computation	During month following date shown			Subsequent to date shown		
	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2/	Corporate	State and local govt.	Other 2/
1954 - Oct. 29	15	436	--	135	1,957	30
Nov. 30	94	661	30	246	2,682	30
Dec. 31	184	567	--	216	2,144	35
1955 - Jan. 31	16	682	--	422	1,961	--
Feb. 28	710	524	--	1,395	1,978	--
Mar. 31	211	208	--	922	2,009	--
Apr. 29	425	116	--	1,141	1,917	--
May 31	160	339	--	850	1,861	--
June 30	67	344	--	830	1,845	--
July 29	407	100	--	1,135	2,018	--
Aug. 31	222	184	--	920	1,971	--
Sept. 30	805	843	--	909	2,205	--
Oct. 31	202	330	--	412	1,650	--

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of November 25

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u>CORPORATE</u>			
San Diego Gas and Electric Co.	1st mtg. bds.	18.0	November 29
Baltimore Gas and Electric	1st & ref. bds.	30.0	November 29
Wheeling Steel	Conv. deb.	19.1	November 30
Radio Corporation of America	Conv. deb.	100.0	December 5
Consolidated Edison Co. of New York	1st & ref. bds.	70.0	December 6
*Connecticut Light and Power	1st & ref. bds.	20.0	December 8
New Jersey Bell Telephone	Deb.	25.0	December 14
Sheraton Corporation of America	Deb.	15.0	1956
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
Port of New York Authority	n.a.	16.0	November 30
Oakdale Irrigation Dist., Calif.	Rev.	5.3	November 30
South San Joaquin Irrigation District, California	Rev.	5.3	November 30
Onondaga Co. Water Authority, N. Y.	Rev.	12.6	December 6
Los Angeles, California	G.O.	20.0	December 6
Cook County, Illinois	G.O.	6.8	December 7
New York Thruway	G.R.	50.0	December 7

Forthcoming Large Offerings, as of November 25 (Cont'd)

Issuer	Type	Amount (millions of dollars)	Approximate date of offering
<u>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u> (Cont'd)			
San Francisco, California	n.a.	13.3	December 13
California Toll Bridge Authority	Rev.	46.0	December 13
Connecticut Expressway	Rev.	100.0	December 13
*Milwaukee, Wisconsin	n.a.	6.9	December 13
State of South Carolina	n.a.	20.0	December 14
*Los Angeles, California	n.a.	38.0	January 10
Inter-American Center Auth., Fla.	Rev.	25.0	1956
Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Rev.	65.0	1956
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission	Rev.	62.0	1956
Washington State Toll Bridge Auth.	Rev.	227.0	1956
*Salt River Project, Arizona	n.a.	11.0	1956
<u>OTHER</u>			
Union of South Africa	Bonds	25.0	November 30
*Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission	Deb.	50.0	December

*--Included in table for first time.

1/ Includes corporate and other issues of 15 million dollars and over; State and local government issues of 5 million and over.

2/ Includes foreign government and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development issues.