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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 19, 1957.

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES

| Federal Reserve District | Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts) | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--------|----------|----------|----------------------|--------------|
| | One week ending | | | | Four weeks ending | Jan. 1 to |
| | Dec. 14 | Dec. 7 | Nov. 30* | Nov. 23* | Dec. 14 | Dec. 14 |
| Boston | + 7 | - 1 | -21 | + 1 | - 3 | - 1 |
| New York | + 4 | - 7 | -22 | +10 | - 4 | + 1 |
| Philadelphia | + 9 | -14 | -22 | + 2 | - 6 | 0 |
| Cleveland | + 5 | - 7 | -22 | + 7 | - 5 | - 2 |
| Richmond | + 8 | r-10 | -23 | - 3 | - 6 | + 1 |
| Atlanta | + 6 | r+ 2 | - 8 | -10 | - 2 | + 2 |
| Chicago | 0 | - 3 | -23 | + 1 | - 6 | + 1 |
| St. Louis | - 1 | r- 3 | -21 | + 3 | - 5 | - 1 |
| Minneapolis | + 4 | 0 | -14 | - 8 | - 4 | + 2 |
| Kansas City | - 1 | - 2 | -18 | + 9 | - 4 | 0 |
| Dallas | - 4 | - 7 | -14 | +16 | - 4 | + 2 |
| San Francisco | - 3 | - 8 | -18 | + 5 | - 7 | - 1 |
| U. S. Total | + 3 | - 5 | -19 | + 4 | - 4 | + 1 |

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 1/

| 1957 | | 1956 | | 1955 | |
|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|
| Nov. 16 | 142 | Nov. 17 | 151 | Nov. 19 | 142 |
| Nov. 23 | 155 | Nov. 24 | 149 | Nov. 26 | 146 |
| Nov. 30 | 159 | Dec. 1 | 197 | Dec. 3 | 197 |
| Dec. 7 | 215 | Dec. 8 | 226 | Dec. 10 | 235 |
| Dec. 14 | 267 | Dec. 15 | 260 | Dec. 17 | 255 |

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1/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1952 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1952, pp. 359-362. Indexes for the period April 1952 to date may be obtained upon request from the Division of Research and Statistics.

Weekly indexes at the district and city levels are published by several of the Federal Reserve Banks.

* Comparisons are affected by the fact that Thanksgiving Day is one week later this year than last.