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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 9, 1961.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. 28 | Jan. 1 to Feb. 4 <u>1/</u> |
| | Feb. 4 | Jan. 28 | Jan. 21 | Jan. 14 | | |
| Boston | -15 | + 9 | -19 | +14 | - 2 | - 4 |
| New York | -16 | -10 | -15 | +13 | - 7 | - 8 |
| Philadelphia | -18 | -16 | -27 | + 8 | -13 | -12 |
| Cleveland | -12 | -14 | 0 | + 6 | - 5 | - 7 |
| Richmond | -12 | -16 | -17 | + 3 | -10 | -10 |
| Atlanta | + 7 | r- 7 | + 4 | - 5 | - 1 | - 1 |
| Chicago | - 6 | - 6 | + 1 | + 8 | - 1 | - 4 |
| St. Louis | - 8 | r- 8 | - 5 | 0 | - 5 | - 6 |
| Minneapolis | - 2 | - 5 | - 8 | - 2 | - 3 | - 5 |
| Kansas City | +12 | r- 1 | +11 | +13 | + 9 | + 6 |
| Dallas | + 6 | -13 | 0 | + 3 | - 1 | - 3 |
| San Francisco | + 8 | - 5 | + 2 | + 5 | + 2 | - 2 |
| U. S. Total | - 5 | - 7 | - 5 | + 7 | - 2 | - 4 |

U. S. weekly index, without seasonal adjustment, 1947-49=100 2/

| <u>1961</u> | | <u>1960</u> | | <u>1959</u> | |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Jan. 7 | 118 | Jan. 9 | 132 | Jan. 10 | 121 |
| Jan. 14 | 129 | Jan. 16 | 121 | Jan. 17 | 116 |
| Jan. 21 | 107 | Jan. 23 | 113 | Jan. 24 | 105 |
| Jan. 28 | 103 | Jan. 30 | 111 | Jan. 31 | 106 |
| Feb. 4 | 106 | Feb. 6 | 111 | Feb. 7 | 108 |

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1/ Comparison period begins with January 2-7 week in 1961 and with January 4-9 week in 1960.

2/ For description and weekly indexes for the period January 1937 to March 1958 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for April 1958, pp. 412-421.

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