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Due to the untimely death of the president, department store sales were greatly affected in the last two weeks of November, resulting in a lower than expected monthly index figure. The seasonally adjusted index for November is estimated at 117 (1957-59=100) up 4 points from last month (October sales affected substantially by unseasonal weather) but down 1 point from November a year ago.

	1963			1962
	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Nov.
Monthly sales index 1957-59=100	e117	113	121	118
Adjusted for seasonal variation	e140	116	121	141
Without seasonal adjustment				

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - weekly

Federal Reserve District	Percentage change from corresponding periods a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	One week ending				Four weeks ending	Jan. 1 to
	Nov. 30	Nov. 23	Nov. 16	Nov. 9	Nov. 30	Nov. 30
Boston	-30	-1	+1	+3	-9	+3
New York	-33	r+2	+3	-1	-9	+3
Philadelphia	-28	-5	-2	-1	-10	-2
Cleveland	-30	+4	+6	+11	-3	+1
Richmond	-29	-4	+5	+2	-8	+2
Atlanta	-5	r-9	r+12	+12	+2	+9
Chicago	-23	+6	+9	+6	-2	+4
St. Louis	-16	-7	+7	+3	-4	+2
Minneapolis	-19	+3	+10	+3	-2	+4
Kansas City	-18	r 0	+3	+6	-3	+3
Dallas	-22	+1	+6	+5	-4	+4
San Francisco	-28	r+13	+2	+14	-1	+3
U.S. Total	-25	+1	+5	+6	-5	+3

U.S. weekly sales index, without seasonal adjustment, 1957-59=100 1/

1963 Nov. 2	120	1962 Nov. 3	117	1961 Nov. 4	111
Nov. 9	132	Nov. 10	125	Nov. 11	122
Nov. 16	143	Nov. 17	136	Nov. 18	130
Nov. 23	rl39	Nov. 24	137	Nov. 25	134
Nov. 30	126	Dec. 1	168	Dec. 2	171

r--Revised

e--Estimated

1/ For description of monthly indexes see Federal Reserve Bulletin for July 1962. A description of weekly indexes appears in Bulletin for August 1962.

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