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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 27, 1956WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	Jan.- Nov.	week ending				
		Dec. 31	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	
<u>United States</u>	+ 7	+10	-11	+ 5	+ 3	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 4	+ 4	-19	- 8	- 1	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 3	0	-22	-10	- 1
Downtown Boston	"	0	- 5	-20	-11	- 2
Suburban Boston	"	+ 8	+18	r-27	- 8	+ 1
Cambridge	"	+ 5	+ 9	-41	+15	-19
Lynn	"	*	*	-14	-15	+ 6
Quincy	"	+ 6	- 4	-17	-15	- 3
Lowell	"	+10	+25	- 4	-14	+15
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 4	+26	- 4	+10	+11
Providence	R.-I.	+ 4	0	-12	-10	-12
<u>New York District</u>		+ 3	+11	-14	r+ 5	+ 9
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 2	+12	-15	r- 6	+10
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 4	+10	-15	r+ 6	+ 9
Newark	N. J.	0	+ 6	-11	r+11	+10
New York	N. Y.	0	+ 9	-17	r+ 4	+ 8
Rochester	"	+ 2	+12	+ 1	+ 4	+ 7
Syracuse	"	+ 5	r+19	-11	r+ 5	+12
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 7	+ 8	-13	+ 3	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 9	+13	- 1	r+14	+13
Trenton	N. J.	+ 9	+ 5	-20	+39	- 4
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	+21	-10	+ 9	- 6
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	+ 7	-14	+ 1	+ 5
Reading	"	+10	+15	- 2	0	+ 9
Scranton	"	+ 3	+ 5	-13	- 2	+18
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+10	+ 3	r-17	r- 3	- 2
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+11	+11	-11	+10	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 2	- 2	r-11	- 8	-13
Akron	Ohio	+ 7	+ 6	-11	+ 2	+ 4
Cincinnati	"	+ 6	+ 9	r- 6	+ 9	-25
Cleveland	"	+ 7	+14	-15	+ 7	+ 7
Columbus	"	+ 8	+19	-14	+ 6	0
Springfield	"	+12	+10	r+ 1	+ 2	- 0
Toledo	"	+ 9	+16	-14	+11	+ 2
Erie	Pa.	+ 5	+19	r-16	+14	+17
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 7	+ 7	- 6	+ 1	- 8
<u>City</u>						
Pittsburgh	Pa.	+20	+ 6	- 9	+19	- 0

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 9	+ 7	- 9	0	- 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+ 8	+13	- 8	r- 2	- 3
Downtown Washington "	+ 4	+ 4	-19	r-10	- 9
Baltimore Md.	+ 4	- 1	-10	r- 1	-11
Richmond Va.	+ 9	+ 3	-12	r+12	+ 9
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+10	+ 9	- 5	+ 8	+ 8
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 9	+12	- 9	+10	+ 7
Jacksonville Fla.	+ 6	+18	- 9	+ 9	+15
Atlanta Ga.	+11	+ 5	-10	r+ 5	+10
Augusta "	+ 2	+ 6	-24	- 5	+ 3
New Orleans La.	+ 6	+11	-11	+ 8	+ 6
Knoxville Tenn.	+12	+16	+21	0	*
Nashville "	+ 7	+13	- 8	+ 7	+ 7
City					
Tampa Fla.	+ 3	- 2	+ 1	+ 4	+ 8
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 8	+18	- 9	+ 3	+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 5	+12	-12	0	+ 2
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 7	+21	-11	+ 3	- 8
Detroit Mich.	+13	+25	- 7	+ 4	+ 7
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 2	+22	- 8	+ 6	+ 8
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 8	+12	- 9	r+10	- 3
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 1	+ 8	-12	+13	- 7
Louisville Ky.	+ 6	r+25	- 7	+14	-14
St. Louis Mo.	+ 8	+ 7	-10	+11	- 1
Memphis Tenn.	+ 5	r+10	r-10	+ 7	0
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 4	- 5	- 8	+10	0
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 4	- 6	- 8	+12	- 2
St. Paul "	+ 2	- 3	-10	+ 7	+ 6
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+ 2	+ 4	+ 2	+12	- 4

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 8	+15	r-11	+ 4	+ 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver	Colo. +15	+28	r- 6	+14	+ 8
Topeka	Kans. + 6	+ 5	- 5	+ 7	+ 1
Wichita	" +13	+11	-18	r+ 2	+ 3
St. Joseph	Mo. + 8	+ 3	- 5	+13	+ 6
Albuquerque	N. Mex. +12	- 2	*	*	*
Oklahoma City	Okla. +12	+29	-11	r+12	+ 7
Tulsa	" + 3	+ 9	-21	+ 2	+ 1
<u>City</u>					
Kansas City	Mo. + 4	+ 8	-14	- 1	+ 4
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 9	+11	-12	+ 9	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas	Tex. +10	+ 7	-12	r+ 3	-20
El Paso	" + 9	+ 4	-13	+ 3	+ 8
Fort Worth	" + 9	+18	- 1	+12	-10
Houston	" + 7	+11	-11	+14	+11
San Antonio	" + 7	+22	-20	+12	+ 3
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 8	+ 9	-15	+ 2	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles	Calif. + 6	+ 4	-16	- 2	0
Downtown Los Angeles	" 0	- 1	-23	- 4	- 2
Westside Los Angeles	" + 6	+ 4	r-18	- 1	+ 1
Sacramento	" + 5	+14	-11	+ 1	+12
San Diego	" + 5	+23	- 9	0	+ 7
San Francisco-Oakland	" + 8	+14	-17	+ 4	+ 9
San Francisco City	" + 4	+16	-16	+ 3	+11
Oakland City	" + 2	+13	r-20	+ 7	+ 6
San Jose	" +12	+11	- 5	- 1	+10
Portland	Ore. + 5	+11	-19	+ 9	- 3
Salt Lake City	Utah +12	+ 3	r-13	+ 9	+ 7
Seattle	Wash. + 6	+12	-19	+ 3	+ 1
Spokane	" + 7	+ 3	- 7	+14	- 4
Tacoma	" +11	+ 4	- 6	+22	+ 1

r--revised.

*--Data not available.