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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 10, 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)					
	Year 1955	Week ending				
		Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	
<u>United States</u>	+ 7	+ 5	+ 3	+ 8	+ 5	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 4	- 8	- 1	+ 9	+ 6	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 2	-10	- 1	+ 9	+ 6
Downtown Boston	"	0	-11	- 2	+ 7	+ 5
Suburban Boston	"	+ 8	- 8	+ 1	+12	+ 8
Cambridge	"	+ 6	+15	-19	+22	+10
Lynn	"	*	-15	+ 6	+ 2	- 4
Quincy	"	+ 6	-15	- 3	+ 1	+17
Lowell	"	+10	-14	+15	+23	-18
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 5	+10	+11	+14	+12
Providence	R. I.	+ 3	-10	-12	+ 3	+13
<u>New York District</u>		+ 3	+ 5	+ 8	+ 8	+ 8
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	- 6	+ 9	+26	- 7
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 4	+ 6	+ 8	+ 6	+11
Newark	N. J.	0	+11	+ 8	+ 2	+10
New York	N. Y.	0	+ 4	+ 7	+ 5	+ 9
Rochester	"	+ 2	+ 4	+ 8	+ 9	+ 5
Syracuse	"	+ 5	+ 5	+11	+ 4	0
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 7	+ 3	+ 4	+15	+15
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+ 9	+14	+13	+17	+52
Trenton	N. J.	+ 7	+39	- 4	- 8	- 1
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 5	+ 9	- 6	+10	+19
Philadelphia	"	+ 7	+ 1	+ 5	+16	+17
Reading	"	+ 9	0	+ 9	+15	+ 7
Scranton	"	+ 3	- 2	+16	+ 2	+14
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 9	- 3	- 2	+ 2	- 4
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+10	+10	- 3	+20	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 2	- 3	-13	-14	+ 6
Akron	Ohio	+ 7	+ 2	+ 4	+15	- 2
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	+ 8	+23	- 3	+45
Cleveland	"	+ 7	+ 7	+ 7	+16	- 3
Columbus	"	+ 7	+ 6	0	+16	+ 7
Springfield	"	+11	+11	- 9	+11	-16
Toledo	"	+ 8	+11	+ 2	+12	+ 4
Erie	Pa.	+ 5	+12	+17	+23	0
Wheeling--Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 7	+ 1	- 8	+22	+16
<u>City</u>						
Pittsburgh	Pa.	+19	+20	- 9	+46	+22

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<u>Richmond District</u>		+ 8	0	- 2	+ 8	- 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+ 8	- 2	- 3	r+10	+ 8
Downtown Washington	"	+ 4	-10	-10	r+ 4	+ 2
Baltimore	Md.	+ 4	- 1	-10	r+10	-17
Richmond	Va.	+ 9	+12	+9	r+ 4	+ 1
<u>Atlanta District</u>		+10	+ 8	+ 7	0	- 2
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 8	+10	+ 7	+ 6	- 2
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+ 9	+15	+16	*
Atlanta	Ga.	+11	+ 5	+ 7	r- 1	-12
Augusta	"	+ 1	- 5	+ 3	+ 3	- 2
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	+ 8	+ 6	+ 7	+ 4
Knoxville	Tenn.	+12	0	+ 7	-16	*
Nashville	"	+ 7	+ 7	+ 7	-20	+12
City						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 4	+ 4	+ 8	- 1	+10
<u>Chicago District</u>		+ 8	+ 3	+ 3	+15	+ 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 6	0	+ 2	+18	+ 3
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 7	+ 3	- 8	+10	- 7
Detroit	Mich.	+12	+ 4	+ 7	+13	+ 3
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 3	+ 6	+ 8	+11	+ 6
<u>St. Louis District</u>		+ 8	+10	- 3	r+ 4	- 1
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 2	+13	- 7	+ 5	+ 9
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	+ 8	-14	- 1	+ 9
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 9	+11	r- 2	+10	- 7
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 5	+ 7	0	-10	+ 7
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 4	+10	0	r+ 9	+ 6
<u>Cities</u>						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 3	+12	- 2	+ 9	+ 7
St. Paul	"	+ 2	+ 7	+ 6	+ 7	0
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 2	+12	+ 1	+ 9	+ 9

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 7	+ 4	+ 4	r- 4	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver	Colo. +14	r+13	+ 8	+ 9	+11
Topeka	Kans. + 5	+ 7	+ 1	+ 4	- 3
Wichita	" +12	+ 2	+ 2	-15	+ 1
St. Joseph	Mo. + 7	+13	+ 6	+10	+22
Albuquerque	N. Mex. +11	-16	- 5	- 3	*
Oklahoma City	Okla. +12	+12	+ 7	+ 2	-19
Tulsa	" + 3	+ 2	+ 1	- 9	-18
City					
Kansas City	Mo. + 3	- 1	+ 4	r- 9	- 4
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 9	+ 9	- 3	+ 3	- 3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas	Tex. + 9	+ 3	-20	+ 8	+ 2
El Paso	" + 8	+ 3	+ 8	+ 2	-15
Port Worth	" + 9	+12	-10	+ 3	-11
Houston	" + 7	+14	+11	+ 3	- 5
San Antonio	" + 6	+12	+ 3	- 6	- 6
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 8	+ 2	+ 3	- 5	r+ 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif. + 5	- 1	r+ 1	-13	+ 9
Downtown Los Angeles	" 0	- 3	- 2	-22	+ 5
Westside Los Angeles	" + 5	- 1	+ 1	-12	+ 6
Sacramento	" + 5	+ 1	+12	0	+ 3
San Diego	" + 5	0	+ 7	+ 5	+24
San Francisco-Oakland	" + 7	+ 4	+ 9	+ 2	+ 7
San Francisco City	" + 4	+ 3	r+10	+ 3	+ 9
Oakland City	" + 2	+ 6	r+ 5	0	+ 2
San Jose	" +11	- 1	+10	+ 3	+ 7
Portland	Ore. + 5	+ 9	- 3	-12	- 2
Salt Lake City	Utah +10	+ 9	+ 7	- 3	+13
Seattle	Wash. + 5	+ 3	r+ 3	+ 1	- 8
Spokane	" + 7	+14	- 4	- 3	+ 3
Tacoma	" +10	+22	r 0	+ 2	- 4

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*--Data not available.