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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 2, 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. 1956	Week ending				
		Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	
<u>United States</u>	+ 4	+ 5	+ 5	+ 6	+ 4	
<u>Boston District</u>	- 3	+ 6	- 1	- 2	+ 4	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	- 5	+ 6	- 1	- 2	+ 4
Downtown Boston	"	- 5	+ 5	- 5	- 3	+ 1
Suburban Boston	"	- 4	+ 8	+12	- 2	+10
Cambridge	"	- 7	+10	+18	- 5	+19
Lynn	"	- 6	- 4	0	- 5	- 4
Quincy	"	- 8	+17	+ 9	- 9	- 2
Lowell	"	+ 4	-18	-33	-13	- 8
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+ 9	+12	+ 5	0	+ 9
Providence	R. I.	- 4	+13	- 6	- 9	+ 5
<u>New York District</u>	+ 5	+ 8	+ 1	+ 3	+ 2	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 3	- 8	- 2	r+ 1	+ 3
New York-N.E.	New Jersey	+ 7	+11	0	r+ 2	+ 2
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+10	0	r+ 3	+ 4
New York	N. Y.	+ 3	+ 9	- 1	+ 2	+ 2
Rochester	"	+ 9	+ 5	+ 4	+ 7	- 7
Syracuse	"	+ 7	0	+ 6	r+ 6	0
<u>Philadelphia District</u>	+ 5	+14	+ 8	+ 3	+ 7	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+13	+52	+34	r+16	+10
Trenton	N. J.	+ 3	- 1	+20	r-10	- 5
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 3	+19	+37	r- 7	+ 6
Philadelphia	"	+ 4	+14	+ 4	+ 4	+ 8
Reading	"	+ 8	+ 7	+20	- 6	+ 5
Scranton	"	+ 8	+24	+ 5	+ 2	+ 2
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 2	- 4	+ 5	+ 1	+ 6
<u>Cleveland District</u>	+ 5	+12	+12	+13	+ 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	- 8	+ 6	+24	+ 4	- 2
Akron	Ohio	+ 3	- 2	+ 5	+10	- 1
Cincinnati	"	+ 3	+45	+ 4	+ 5	+ 3
Cleveland	"	+ 5	- 3	+12	+17	+ 6
Columbus	"	+ 3	+ 7	+18	+ 8	+ 3
Springfield	"	0	-16	+22	+ 5	+17
Toledo	"	+ 3	+ 4	- 6	+12	- 2
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	0	r+20	+15	+ 8
Pittsburgh	"	+11	+22	+23	+18	+ 7
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 4	+16	+10	+13	- 5

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<u>Richmond District</u>	+ 4	- 2	+ 8	+ 3	+ 3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Washington	D. C.	+ 6	+ 8	+20	r+ 5	+ 7
Downtown Washington	"	- 5	+ 2	+ 8	r- 2	+ 3
Baltimore	Md.	- 4	-16	- 9	- 5	- 2
Richmond	Va.	+ 7	+ 2	+12	+15	+ 5
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 7	- 2	- 2	r+ 3	+17	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 5	- 2	+13	+15	- 8
Jacksonville	Fla.	+12	- 1	+ 5	+13	+11
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 3	-11	+ 5	+ 2	+ 4
Augusta	"	- 2	- 2	+ 1	r+ 5	- 8
New Orleans	La.	+ 6	+ 4	-26	-20	+93
Knoxville	Tenn.	0	-11	+16	+12	0
Nashville	"	0	+12	+18	- 7	+ 3
<u>City</u>						
Tampa	Fla.	+ 4	+10	-20	+42	+17
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 5	+ 3	+ 6	+ 3	+ 4	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	+ 3	+ 5	0	+ 7
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 2	- 7	+18	- 3	- 1
Detroit	Mich.	+ 5	+ 3	+ 3	+ 9	- 1
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 7	+ 6	+12	+ 3	+ 7
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 2	- 1	+10	+ 8	+ 8	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 4	+ 9	+ 2	+ 5	+30
Louisville	Ky.	+ 1	+ 9	+14	+ 4	- 1
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 4	- 7	r+11	+12	+ 6
Memphis	Tenn.	0	+ 7	+ 4	+ 1	+11
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 4	+ 5	+ 7	+ 8	+ 9	
<u>Cities</u>						
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 5	+ 7	+ 6	+ 9	+ 9
St. Paul	"	+ 5	0	+11	+ 7	+11
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 7	+ 9	+10	+ 2	+ 8

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	0	r- 2	+ 3	+ 8	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas					
Denver Colo.	+ 8	+10	+ 3	+21	+ 9
Topeka Kans.	+ 4	- 2	+ 6	+ 5	+ 2
Wichita "	- 6	+ 2	+ 2	+ 6	- 3
St. Joseph Mo.	+ 8	+22	+ 9	+ 5	- 4
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+ 3	-16	0	- 1	+12
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 5	-19	- 1	+18	+ 6
Tulsa "	- 2	r-14	+14	+16	- 7
City					
Kansas City Mo.	- 4	- 4	+ 1	- 2	- 3
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 2	- 2	+ 7	r+11	+11
Metropolitan Areas					
Dallas Tex.	- 2	+ 2	+ 9	+16	+ 9
El Paso "	+ 1	-15	+ 7	+ 3	- 6
Fort Worth "	0	-11	+ 8	+ 9	+13
Houston "	+ 6	- 5	+ 6	+ 8	+19
San Antonio "	- 2	- 6	+ 3	+ 5	+ 6
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 2	+ 6	+ 3	+ 3	0
Metropolitan Areas					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	- 3	+10	+ 1	+ 4	- 5
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 8	+ 6	- 2	0	-11
Westside Los Angeles "	- 4	+ 7	0	+ 6	- 5
Sacramento "	+ 1	+ 3	+ 7	+10	0
San Diego "	+ 5	+24	+ 8	+11	+ 8
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 2	+ 6	+ 6	+10	- 2
San Francisco City "	+ 3	+ 9	+ 4	+10	- 2
Oakland City "	0	+ 1	+ 6	+11	- 5
San Jose "	+ 7	+ 7	+ 3	+ 7	- 2
Portland Ore.	- 4	- 2	+ 3	-14	+12
Salt Lake City Utah	- 2	+13	- 4	+ 5	+ 5
Seattle Wash.	- 1	- 7	+ 2	- 6	+10
Spokane "	0	+ 3	+ 2	+ 9	- 1
Tacoma "	+ 5	- 5	- 1	-11	+ 7

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