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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 13, 1956WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago 1/ (Based on retail dollar amounts)					
	Jan.- Feb.	Week ending				
	Feb.	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 7	
<u>United States</u>	+ 6	- 3	+ 9	r+ 7	-15	
<u>Boston District</u>	+ 1	-16	-28	+ 8	-16	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	0	-16	-29	+ 8	-14
Downtown Boston	"	- 1	-12	-27	+ 3	-16
Suburban Boston	"	+ 3	-24	-34	+19	- 9
Cambridge	"	+ 2	-11	-15	+ 5	- 2
Lynn	"	- 4	-18	-23	+49	+ 3
Quincy	"	- 2	-26	-46	+25	-15
Lowell	"	- 9	-32	-25	+11	-40
<u>Cities</u>						
Springfield	Mass.	+12	- 7	-19	+12	-16
Providence	R. I.	- 1	-19	-40	+ 4	-21
<u>New York District</u>		+ 6	- 7	- 6	r+ 5	-13
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 4	- 5	+12	+ 4	-14
New York-N.E.	New Jersey	+ 9	- 7	-11	r+ 6	-14
Newark	N. J.	+ 9	-18	-17	r+ 8	-15
New York	N. Y.	+ 5	- 5	-10	r+ 3	-13
Rochester	"	+ 8	- 6	+19	+ 3	- 7
Syracuse	"	+ 6	-14	+11	+11	-19
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 9	- 2	0	+ 6	-14
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+23	0	+11	r- 1	- 6
Trenton	N. J.	+ 3	-15	- 7	0	-24
Lancaster	Pa.	+12	-11	+ 3	r+ 6	-27
Philadelphia	"	+ 9	+ 1	- 3	+ 8	-12
Reading	"	+ 9	-11	+ 5	+ 7	-17
Scranton	"	+ 9	- 4	+12	+10	-14
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	+ 2	-16	+ 7	- 7	-21
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+ 9	- 4	+20	+ 5	-20
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	+ 1	- 5	r+15	+ 8	-27
Akron	Ohio	+ 6	- 5	+20	+ 9	-16
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	- 2	+23	+ 5	-25
Cleveland	"	+ 8	0	+27	+10	-24
Columbus	"	+ 8	-10	+26	+11	-24
Springfield	"	+ 7	- 9	+30	+14	-25
Toledo	"	+ 3	- 5	r+18	- 1	-27
Erie	Pa.	+12	- 7	r+12	+14	-18
Pittsburgh	"	+17	- 8	+13	- 2	-14
Wheeling-Steubenville	W.Va.-Ohio	+ 8	-11	+15	- 2	-16

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Richmond District	+ 7	+ 2	+10	r+ 8	-16
Metropolitan Areas					
Washington D. C.	+10	+ 3	+12	r+11	-10
Downtown Washington "	0	- 5	+ 7	r 0	-15
Baltimore Md.	- 2	+ 1	+11	r+ 4	-25
Richmond Va.	+ 9	0	+ 8	r+ 7	-17
Atlanta District	+ 9	- 2	+12	r+12	-15
Metropolitan Areas					
Birmingham Ala.	+ 7	- 3	+16	r+12	-17
Jacksonville Fla.	+14	- 4	+13	+ 6	-19
Atlanta Ga.	+ 3	- 6	+ 7	+ 6	-12
Augusta "	- 1	-21	- 6	+ 3	-10
New Orleans La.	+ 8	+ 4	+15	+29	-16
Knoxville Tenn.	+ 2	+10	+15	+18	*
Nashville "	+ 4	- 2	+27	+ 5	*
City					
Tampa Fla.	+11	-14	+ 5	+ 9	*
Chicago District	+ 6	+ 2	+17	0	-10
Metropolitan Areas					
Chicago Ill.	+ 6	0	+23	+ 4	-11
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 5	+ 6	+27	+ 1	-14
Detroit Mich.	+ 6	+ 8	+ 8	- 7	- 2
Milwaukee Wis.	+ 9	+ 6	+16	+ 3	- 3
St. Louis District	+ 7	+ 5	+25	+ 5	-16
Metropolitan Areas					
Little Rock Ark.	+10	+ 9	+17	+16	- 9
Louisville Ky.	+ 5	+ 2	+21	+ 7	-20
St. Louis Mo.	+ 8	+ 6	+30	+ 1	-16
Memphis Tenn.	+ 4	+ 4	+14	+15	-21
Minneapolis District	+ 6	0	+13	- 6	-17
Cities					
Minneapolis Minn.	+ 7	- 1	+13	- 6	-15
St. Paul "	+ 8	- 1	+11	- 9	-19
Duluth-Superior Minn. & Wis.	+ 8	+ 2	+19	+ 1	-29

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<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 3	- 5	+19	+ 5	-17
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver Colo.	+11	+ 1	+21	+17	-18
Topeka Kans.	+ 7	+ 5	+35	r+ 4	-15
Wichita "	+ 1	- 9	+11	+ 7	-20
St. Joseph Mo.	+10	+ 3	+10	r+ 6	-33
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+ 4	- 4	+25	+23	-25
Oklahoma City Okla.	+ 7	- 1	+21	+ 3	- 6
Tulsa "	+ 1	-13	+20	+16	-16
<u>City</u>					
Kansas City Mo.	- 1	- 7	+21	- 6	-18
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 6	- 9	+12	+17	-15
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas Tex.	+ 4	-10	+ 7	+22	-15
El Paso "	+ 1	+ 2	+17	+25	-13
Fort Worth "	+ 6	+ 8	+21	+25	-27
Houston "	+ 9	- 8	+ 8	+16	-14
San Antonio "	+ 2	-26	+13	+ 4	-18
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+ 5	0	+ 7	+12	r-17
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Lcs Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	0	- 5	+ 3	+ 4	-18
Downtown Los Angeles "	- 5	- 6	r- 2	0	-30
Westside Los Angeles "	0	- 3	r+ 6	+ 6	-12
Sacramento "	+ 5	+ 7	+15	+38	-28
San Diego "	+ 9	+13	+14	+18	-13
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 4	+ 1	r+ 7	+21	-22
San Francisco City "	+ 5	0	+ 8	+20	-23
Oakland City "	+ 2	+ 1	r+ 5	+21	-20
San Jose "	+ 8	+ 5	+ 9	+ 5	-25
Portland Ore.	- 1	- 3	+12	0	- 9
Salt Lake City Utah	+ 3	- 7	+12	+18	-22
Seattle Wash.	+ 1	+ 6	+ 6	+27	- 9
Spokane "	+ 4	+ 8	+ 4	+ 3	-20
Tacoma "	+ 3	+ 8	+ 9	+21	-19

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*--Data not available.

1/ During March and April changes from a year ago reflect in part the fact that last year Easter was on April 10 while this year it was on April 1. For this reason it is estimated that in comparison with last year an allowance should be made for an increase in sales of about 4 per cent for the month of March as a whole and a corresponding decrease for the month of April. These allowances apply to the figures for the United States.