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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 21, 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.- July	Week ending			
		Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15
<u>United States</u>		+ 5	+ 8	+ 2	+ 4
<u>Boston District</u>		+ 2	+ 4	- 1	r+ 3
Metropolitan Areas					- 2
Boston	Mass.	+ 1	+ 4	- 1	+ 5
Downtown Boston	"	0	+ 6	- 4	+ 1
Suburban Boston	"	+ 4	+ 2	+ 6	r+ 15
Cambridge	"	+ 3	+15	+ 2	+ 6
Lynn	"	0	- 5	- 2	+16
Quincy	"	+ 2	- 1	-10	+ 5
Lowell	"	- 2	+ 2	- 1	+16
Cities					- 2
Springfield	Mass.	+ 6	+ 4	- 5	- 7
Providence	R. I.	- 3	- 7	+ 5	- 4
<u>New York District</u>		+ 6	+ 7	0	- 3
Metropolitan Areas					+ 4
Buffalo	N. Y.	+ 5	+ 4	- 1	r- 5
New York-N.E. New Jersey	N.Y.-N.J.	+ 7	+ 7	0	+ 4
Newark	N. J.	+ 6	+ 8	- 1	+ 1
New York	N. Y.	*	+ 5	- 1	+ 3
Rochester	"	+ 6	+11	- 1	+ 5
Syracuse	"	+ 4	+ 8	- 5	- 4
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 6	+ 8	- 9	- 6
Metropolitan Areas					+ 2
Wilmington	Del.	+12	+14	- 2	r+ 2
Trenton	N. J.	0	+11	- 7	r 0
Lancaster	Pa.	+ 3	- 2	r+ 5	0
Philadelphia	"	+ 6	+ 5	-11	+ 2
Reading	"	+ 4	+ 4	- 4	+ 4
Scranton	"	+ 8	+87	-10	-35
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 1	+ 4	- 5	r- 3
<u>Cleveland District</u>		+ 6	+11	0	+ 6
Metropolitan Areas					+ 5
Lexington	Ky.	- 3	+19	+ 8	+ 2
Akron	Ohio	+ 5	+11	+ 1	+ 3
Cincinnati	"	+ 5	+14	+ 3	+ 7
Cleveland	"	+ 6	+10	- 1	0
Columbus	"	+ 6	+16	+ 3	+10
Springfield	"	+ 1	+ 1	0	+ 3
Toledo	"	+ 1	+ 2	- 8	- 1
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+15	0	+ 8
Pittsburgh	"	+ 8	+ 8	+ 2	0
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.-Ohio	+ 6	+10	+ 2	+12

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		Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15
<u>Richmond District</u>		+ 6	+ 1	- 5	- 5
Metropolitan Areas					+ 1
Washington	D. C.	+ 7	+ 2	- 6	- 10
Downtown Washington	"	+ 1	- 7	- 16	- 14
Baltimore	Md.	+ 3	0	- 6	- 9
Richmond	Va.	+ 5	0	- 4	r+10
<u>Atlanta District</u>		+ 6	+10	+ 4	+ 5
Metropolitan Areas					r+ 6
Birmingham	Ala.	+ 5	+ 9	+ 5	- 3
Jacksonville	Fla.	+ 7	+12	+ 7	+15
Atlanta	Ga.	+ 1	+ 3	+11	r+ 6
Augusta	"	0	-10	- 8	r- 5
New Orleans	La.	+ 7	+16	+ 4	+ 5
Knoxville	Tenn.	+ 4	+50	-13	r 0
Nashville	"	+ 5	+17	+11	+27
City					*
Tampa	Fla.	+ 6	+ 3	- 5	0
<u>Chicago District</u>		+ 4	+14	+ 2	r+ 7
Metropolitan Areas					+ 4
Chicago	Ill.	+ 5	+14	+ 4	+ 3
Indianapolis	Ind.	+ 5	+13	+ 4	+ 5
Detroit	Mich.	+ 4	+19	- 6	+ 6
Milwaukee	Wis.	+ 7	+10	+ 4	+ 5
<u>St. Louis District</u>		+ 6	+ 6	+ 4	+14
Metropolitan Areas					- 2
Little Rock	Ark.	+ 6	+14	+11	+23
Louisville	Ky.	+ 6	+ 6	- 3	+ 6
St. Louis	Mo.	+ 7	+ 3	+ 5	+11
Memphis	Tenn.	+ 5	+13	+10	+27
<u>Minneapolis District</u>		+ 5	+11	+ 6	+ 5
Cities					+10
Minneapolis	Minn.	+ 4	+ 9	+ 7	+ .6
St. Paul	"	+ 9	+14	+ 3	+ 3
Duluth-Superior	Minn. & Wis.	+ 8	+ 9	+ 7	+11

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Kansas City District		+ 2	+10	+ 1	+ 9
Metropolitan Areas					+ 1
Denver	Col.	+ 8	+12	+ 8	+14
Topeka	Kans.	+ 9	+11	+ 4	+21
Wichita	"	+ 1	+ 4	+ 1	+17
St. Joseph	Mo.	+ 2	+ 3	- 5	+ 7
Albuquerque	N. Mex.	+ 4	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7
Oklahoma City	Okla.	+ 5	+11	- 3	+ 6
Tulsa	"	+ 4	+11	+ 6	+16
Cities					- 2
Joplin	Mo.	0	+27	-11	+12
Kansas City	"	- 2	+ 8	- 8	- 4
Dallas District		+ 5	+ 6	+ 4	+15
Metropolitan Areas					+ 6
Dallas	Tex.	+ 2	+ 5	+ 7	+ 6
El Paso	"	+ 4	+12	- 3	+ 1
Fort Worth	"	+ 7	+ 9	+ 8	+19
Houston	"	+ 7	+10	+ 2	+36
San Antonio	"	0	0	+ 4	+ 8
San Francisco District		+ 6	- 2	+11	+ 2
Metropolitan Areas					+ 2
Los Angeles-Long Beach	Calif.	0	- 5	+15	- 1
Downtown Los Angeles	"	- 3	-16	+18	- 1
Westside Los Angeles	"	+ 1	- 4	r+32	+ 2
Sacramento	"	+ 8	+ 6	+10	+13
San Diego	"	+ 8	+ 5	+18	+ 6
San Francisco-Oakland	"	+ 4	+ 1	r+ 9	0
San Francisco City	"	+ 4	- 2	r+11	- 2
Oakland City	"	+ 3	+ 4	+ 5	+ 3
San Jose	"	+ 4	- 4	+ 1	- 2
Portland	Ore.	+ 1	- 8	+ 1	+ 7
Salt Lake City	Utah	+ 3	+ 6	+ 8	+13
Seattle	Wash.	+ 4	- 7	+10	- 2
Spokane	"	+ 3	-22	+18	+ 9
Tacoma	"	+ 4	+ 3	- 2	+ 4

R--Revised.

*--Data not available.