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CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

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GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AND RELATED ITEMS
 (Quarterly figures are seasonally adjusted. Expenditures and income
 figures are billions of dollars, with quarterly figures at annual rates)

	1966	1967	1967				1968	
			I	II	III	IV	Ip	Proj. II
Gross National Product	743.3	785.0	766.3	775.1	791.2	807.3	826.7	850.3
Final sales	729.9	779.8	759.2	774.6	787.4	798.1	824.0	844.8
Private purchases	575.6	603.5	588.8	599.6	609.2	616.4	635.7	651.7
Personal consumption expenditures	465.9	491.7	480.2	489.7	495.3	501.8	518.7	531.1
Durable goods	70.3	72.1	69.4	72.5	72.7	73.8	78.4	80.4
Non durable goods	207.5	217.5	214.2	217.2	218.5	220.3	228.1	234.3
Services	188.1	202.1	196.6	200.0	204.1	207.7	212.1	216.4
Gross private domestic investment	118.0	112.1	110.4	105.1	112.2	120.8	118.0	122.6
Residential construction	24.4	24.4	21.4	23.1	25.6	27.6	28.2	29.1
Business fixed investment	80.2	82.6	81.9	81.5	82.8	84.0	87.2	88.0
Change in business inventories	13.4	5.2	7.1	.5	3.8	9.2	2.7	5.5
Nonfarm	13.7	4.8	7.3	.6	3.4	7.7	1.8	5.0
Net Exports	5.1	4.8	5.3	5.3	5.4	3.0	1.7	3.5
Gov't purchases of goods & services	154.3	176.3	170.4	175.0	178.2	181.7	188.3	193.1
Federal	77.0	89.9	87.1	89.5	90.9	92.2	96.2	98.9
Defense	60.5	72.5	70.2	72.5	73.3	74.2	76.7	79.1
Other	16.5	17.4	16.8	17.0	17.6	18.0	19.5	19.8
State and local	77.2	86.4	83.3	85.4	87.4	89.5	92.1	94.2
Gross National Product in constant (1958) dollars	652.6	669.3	660.7	664.7	672.0	679.6	689.7	702.1
GNP Implicit deflator (1958=100)	113.9	117.3	116.0	116.6	117.7	118.8	119.9	121.1
Personal income	584.0	626.4	612.9	619.1	631.0	642.5	659.0	676.6
Wages and salaries	394.6	423.8	414.7	418.3	426.2	435.9	447.6	459.1
Disposable income	508.8	544.7	532.7	540.0	548.2	557.9	571.5	588.8
Personal saving	29.8	38.7	38.8	36.0	38.5	41.6	38.0	41.8
Saving rate (per cent)	5.9	7.1	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.5	6.6	7.1
Corporate profits before tax	83.8	80.8	79.0	78.9	80.0	85.1	88.8	96.3
Federal government receipts and expenditures (N.I.A. basis)								
Receipts	143.2	151.8	149.1	148.1	152.7	157.3	164.9	172.7
Expenditures	142.9	164.3	160.9	162.8	165.9	167.9	175.6	182.5
Surplus or deficit (-)	.3	-12.5	-11.9	-14.7	-13.2	-10.7	-10.7	-9.8
Total labor force (millions)	78.9	80.8	80.3	80.3	81.1	81.6	81.9	82.3
Armed forces "	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Civilian labor force "	75.8	77.3	76.8	76.8	77.6	78.2	78.4	78.8
Unemployment rate (per cent)	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.5
Nonfarm payroll employment (millions)	64.0	66.1	65.7	65.7	66.1	66.8	67.6	68.2
Manufacturing	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.5	19.7
Industrial production (1957-59=100)	156.3	157.8	157.1	155.9	157.2	159.5	161.9	164.8
Capacity utilization, manufacturing (per cent)	90.5	85.1	87.1	84.9	84.1	84.4	84.4	84.6
Housing starts, private (millions A. R.)	1.17	1.29	1.12	1.21	1.41	1.44	1.50	1.47
Sales new U.S.-made autos (millions, A. R.)	8.38	7.57	7.16	8.11	7.57	7.44	8.19	8.50

CHANGES IN GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT
AND RELATED ITEMS

	1966	1967	1967				1968	
			I	II	III	IV	Ip	Proj. II
-----In Billions of Dollars-----								
Gross National Product	59.4	41.7	4.2	8.8	16.1	16.1	19.4	23.6
Final sales	55.4	49.9	15.6	15.4	12.8	10.7	25.9	20.8
Private purchases	37.5	27.9	6.9	10.8	9.6	7.2	19.3	15.3
GNP in constant (1958) dollars	35.9	16.7	-.4	4.0	7.3	7.6	10.1	12.4
Final sales	32.1	24.6	10.1	10.3	4.2	2.5	16.2	9.9
Private purchases	21.9	10.4	3.7	7.1	3.0	1.7	11.9	7.5
---In Per Cent; Quarterly Changes are at Annual Rates---								
Gross National Product	8.7	5.6	2.2	4.6	8.3	8.1	9.6	14.1
Final sales	8.2	6.8	8.4	8.1	6.6	5.4	13.0	10.1
Private purchases	7.0	4.8	4.7	7.3	6.4	4.7	12.5	9.6
Personal consumption expenditures	7.6	5.5	5.4	7.9	4.6	5.2	13.5	9.6
Durable goods	6.5	2.6	-6.8	17.9	1.1	6.1	24.9	10.2
Nondurable goods	8.5	4.8	7.4	5.6	2.4	3.3	14.2	10.9
Services	6.9	7.4	7.7	6.9	8.2	7.1	8.5	8.1
Gross private domestic investment	9.9	-5.0	-38.6	-19.2	27.0	30.7	-9.3	15.6
Residential construction	-9.6	0.0	9.6	31.8	43.3	31.2	8.7	12.8
Business fixed investment	12.8	3.0	-4.3	-2.0	6.4	5.8	15.2	3.7
Gov't purchases of goods & services	13.1	14.3	21.5	10.8	7.3	7.9	14.5	10.2
Federal	15.3	16.8	27.5	11.0	6.3	5.7	17.4	11.2
Defense	20.8	19.8	28.0	13.1	4.4	4.9	13.5	12.5
Other	-1.2	5.5	22.6	4.8	14.1	9.1	33.3	6.2
State & local	10.9	11.9	15.5	10.1	9.4	9.6	11.6	9.1
GNP in constant (1958) dollars	5.8	2.6	-.2	2.4	4.4	4.5	5.9	7.2
Final sales	5.3	3.8	6.3	6.3	2.5	1.5	9.7	5.8
Private purchases	4.4	2.0	2.9	5.5	2.3	1.3	9.0	5.5
GNP Implicit deflator	2.7	3.0	2.4	2.1	3.9	3.6	3.7	4.0
Personal income	8.6	7.3	7.5	4.0	7.7	7.3	10.3	10.7
Wages and salaries	9.9	7.4	7.2	3.5	7.6	9.1	10.7	10.3
Disposable income	7.8	7.1	8.2	5.5	6.1	7.1	9.7	12.1
Corporate profits before tax	9.5	-3.6	-23.4	-0.5	5.6	25.5	17.4	33.8
Federal government receipts and expenditures (N.I.A. basis)								
Receipts	14.7	6.0	1.3	-2.7	12.4	12.0	19.3	18.9
Expenditures	15.8	15.0	23.7	4.7	7.6	4.8	18.3	15.7
Nonfarm payroll employment	5.3	3.3	4.3	0.0	2.4	4.2	4.8	3.5
Manufacturing	6.1	0.5	0.0	-4.1	-2.1	4.2	2.1	4.1
Industrial production	9.0	1.0	-5.5	-3.1	3.3	5.9	6.0	7.2
Housing starts, private	-20.4	10.3	87.0	32.1	66.1	8.5	16.7	-8.0
Sales new U.S.-made autos	-4.4	-9.7	-50.3	53.1	-26.6	-6.9	39.2	15.1

NEW BUDGET AND FEDERAL SECTOR IN NATIONAL INCOME ACCOUNTS
(In billions of dollars)

	Fiscal years				Calendar quarters				
	Actual		1968 ^e		1967		1968		
	1966	1967	No tax	Surtax	III	IV	I	II ^e	III ^e
<u>Quarterly data, unadjusted</u>									
New Budget:									
Surplus/deficit	-3.7	-8.8	-23.9	-22.6	-8.5	-11.0	-8.6	4.2	5.5
Receipts	130.9	149.6	152.8	154.1	35.4	31.9	36.3	49.3	50.6
Total expenditures and net lending	134.6	158.4	176.7	176.7	43.9	42.9	44.8	45.1	45.1
Means of financing:									
Total borrowing from the public	6.0	3.6	22.6	22.6	9.0	10.1	6.7	-3.2	-3.2
Decrease in cash operating balance	.6	5.2	.9	-.4	-1.0	1.1	.1	.6	-.7
Other ^{1/}	-2.9	--	.5	.5	.5	-.2	1.8	-1.6	-1.6
Cash operating balance, end of period	10.9	5.7	4.8	6.1	6.7	5.6	5.4	4.8	6.1
<u>Seasonally adjusted annual rate</u>									
Federal surplus/deficit									
in national income accounts	.9	-7.5	-12.9	-11.1	-13.2	-10.7	-10.7 ^p	-13.3	-9.8
Receipts ^{2/}	132.9	147.6	160.1	161.9	152.7	157.3	164.9 ^p	169.2	172.7
Expenditures	131.9	155.1	173.0	173.0	165.9	167.9	175.6	182.5	182.5

e - No tax projections based on existing tax rates, including extension of telephone and auto taxes. Surtax projections show effect through June 30 of enactment of Conference Committee bill by June 1.

p - Preliminary. Corporate tax accruals subject to revision if retroactive surtax is passed.

^{1/} Includes various accrual items, such as deposit fund accounts and clearing accounts.

^{2/} Quarterly receipts do not add to fiscal year totals.