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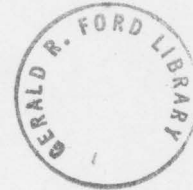
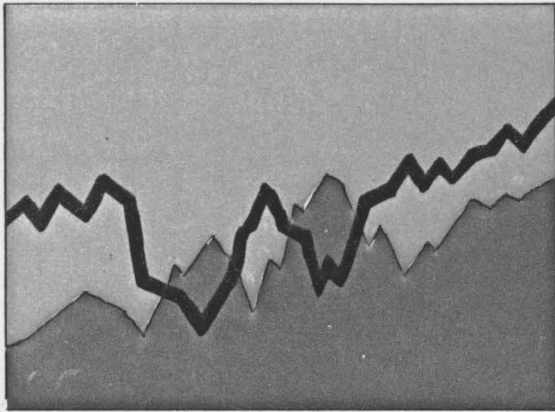
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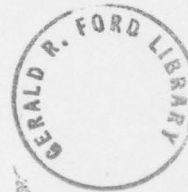
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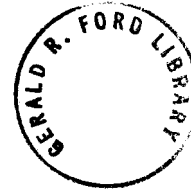


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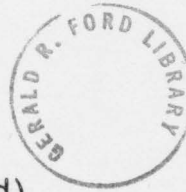


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B.6.1 Income Levels					
— Median Family Income				X	
— Composition of Family Income				X	
— Per Capita Income				X	
B.6.2 Distribution of Income					
— Age, Race, and Sex				X	
— Regional Differences				X	
B.6.3 Poverty				X	
B.6.4 Consumption					
— Personal Consumption Expenditures					
— Consumption of Durable Goods			X		
B.6.5 Wealth					
— Net Worth of Consumer Units				X	
— Composition of Wealth					X
B.6.6 Consumer Borrowing and Debt					
— Amount of Debt Outstanding				X	
— Debt/Income Ratio				X	
B.6.7 Consumer Attitudes			X		
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— Households Lacking Selected Facilities, by Size, Race, Tenure, and Location				X	
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	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
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— Single Family Dwellings				X	
— Mobile Homes				X	
— Condominiums and Other Multiunit Structures				X	
— Vacation Homes				X	
B.7.3 Cost and Expenditures					
— Average Mortgage Payments				X	
— Upkeep and Maintenance				X	
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B.7.4 Attitudes Towards Housing and the Community					X
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B.8.1 Use of Leisure Time					X
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— Outdoor (Social, Active Sports, etc.)					X
— Indoor (Television, Visiting, Other)				X	X
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B.9.1 Crimes Known to Police					
— Violent			X	X	
— Property			X	X	
B.9.2 Victims of Crime, Selected Characteristics					
— Violent				X	
— Property				X	
B.9.3 Fear of Crime, Selected Characteristics					X
B.9.4 Police Activity					
— Persons Arrested by Charge				X	
— Offenses Cleared				X	
B.9.5 Judicial Activity					
— Persons Sentenced for Federal Crimes				X	
B.9.6 Prisoners, Adults and Juveniles					
— Prisoners by Sentence				X	
— Average Length of Sentence				X	
— Persons Executed and Sentenced to Death				X	
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B.9.8 Selected Studies					

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- Employees
- Payroll

C.3.2 State and Local Employment and Finances

- Employees
- Payroll

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
	X			
	X			
	X			
	X			

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D.1.1 Air Quality

- Amount of Pollutants Released Into the Atmosphere
- Ambient Air Quality-National, Major Cities
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- Miles of Streams Meeting EPA Standards
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- Estimated Amounts Produced
- Concentration in Biosphere

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- By Specialty
- Person Years of Scientists, Engineers Engaged in R&D

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- Private Industry
- Government

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- Secondary Schools
- Higher Education,

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
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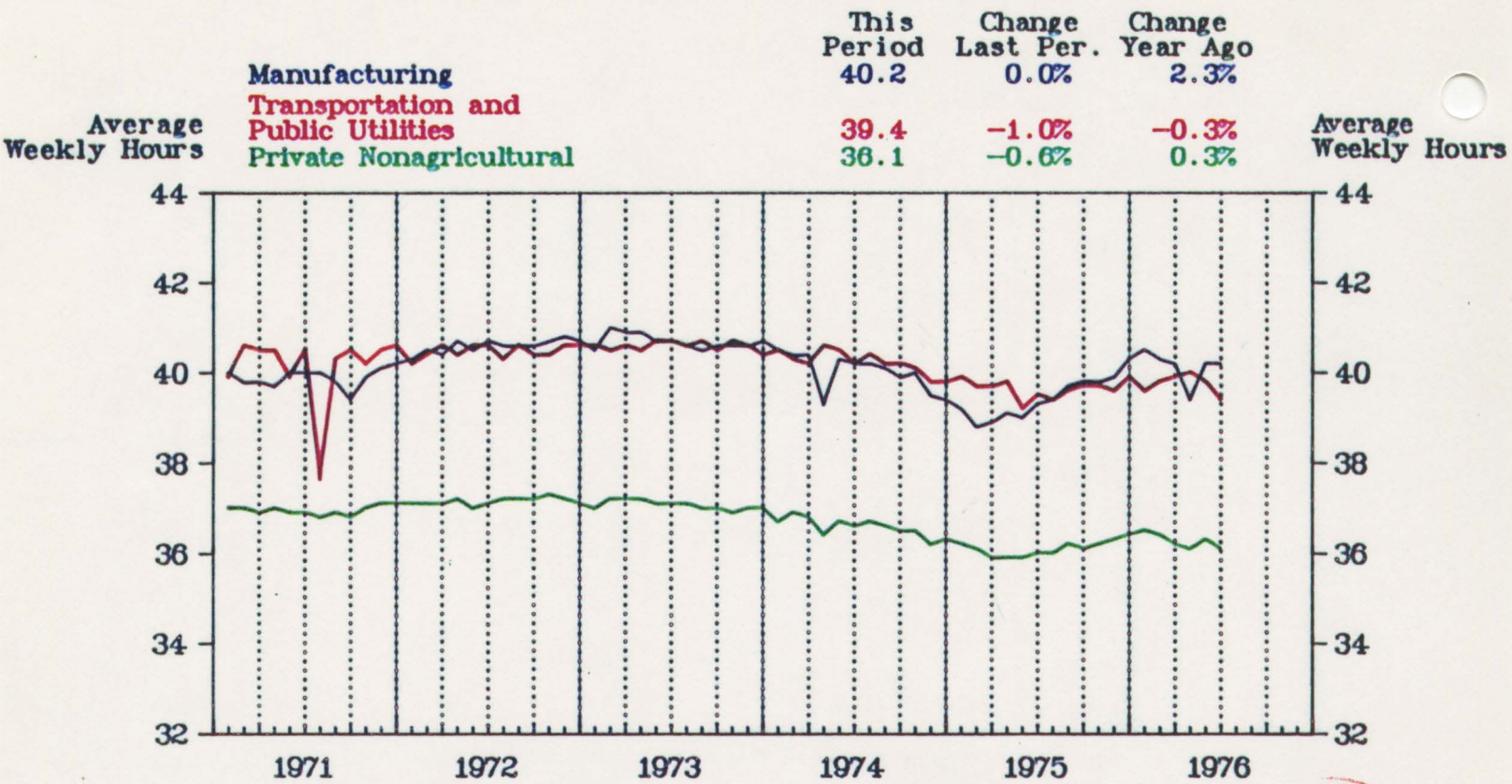
D.3.4 Attendance at Cultural Events
 – Plays, Galleries, Motion Pictures

– Concerts, Museums, etc.

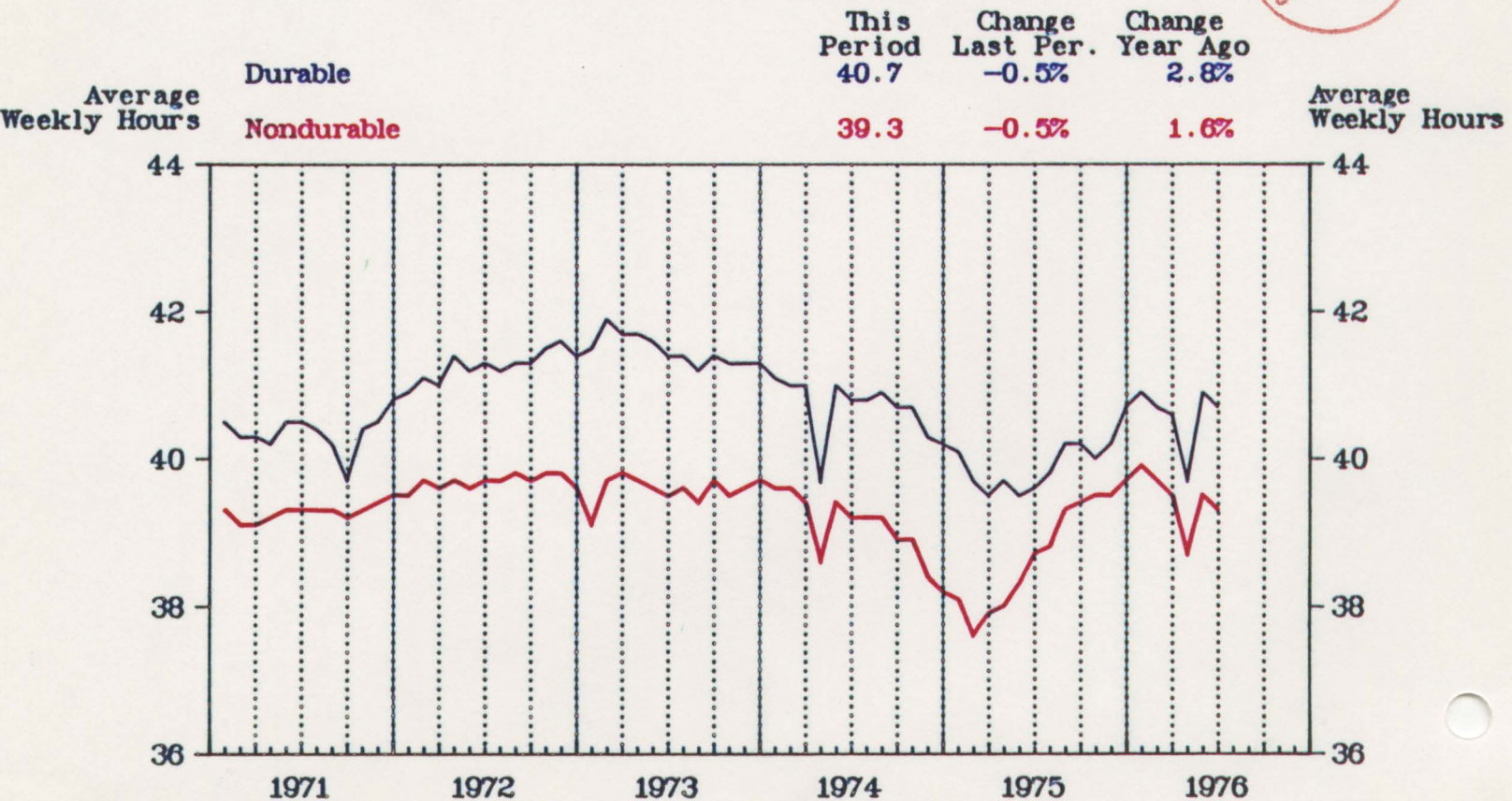
SECTION E—Selected Subjects

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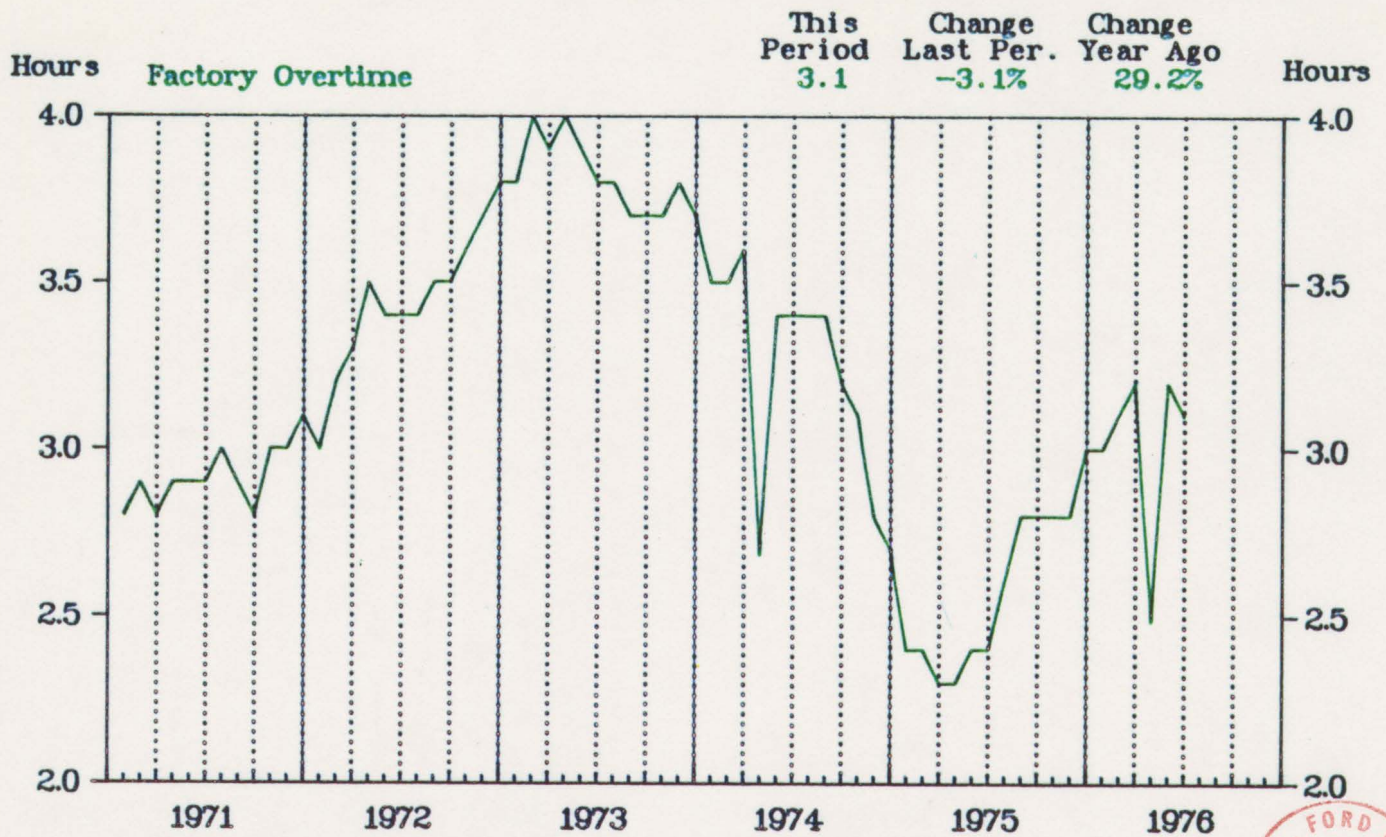
A.3.1—Average Workweek



Components of Manufacturing



A.3.1—Average Overtime in Manufacturing



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
12 July 1976



- The length of the Average Workweek for all Production and Nonsupervisory Workers on private nonfarm payrolls declined 0.2 hour in June to 36.1 hours, a return to the April level.
- All industry divisions except Manufacturing declined over the month.
 - Transportation and Public Utilities, dropping 0.4 hour to 39.4 hours, led all decreases.
 - Factory Overtime edged downward 0.1 hour to 3.1 hours.
 - Still 0.8 hour above the low reached in April 1975.
- Although the Average Workweek for Manufacturing remained unchanged at 40.2 hours, both Durable and Nondurable Goods showed declines.
- Each component is seasonally adjusted independently.

A.3.2—Average Hourly Earnings of Production Workers

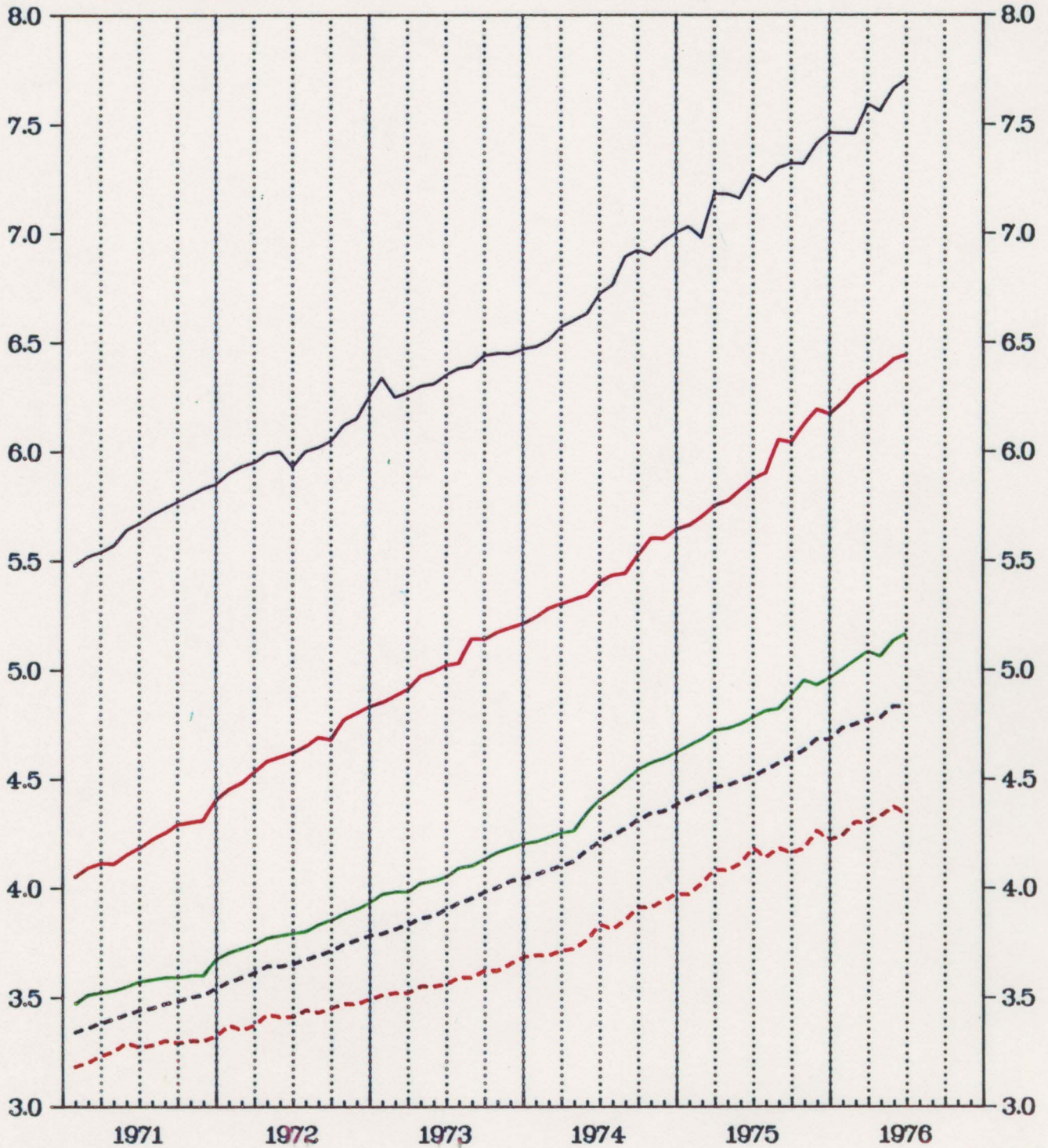


Construction
Transportation and Public Utilities
Manufacturing
 Private Nonagricultural — — — —
 Finance, Insurance and Real Estate — — — —

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Construction	\$7.70	0.5%	5.9%
Transportation and Public Utilities	\$6.44	0.3%	9.7%
Manufacturing	\$5.16	0.6%	7.9%
Private Nonagricultural	\$4.83	0.0%	7.1%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	\$4.34	-0.7%	3.8%

Dollars

Dollars



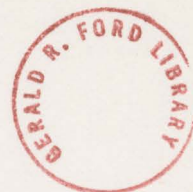
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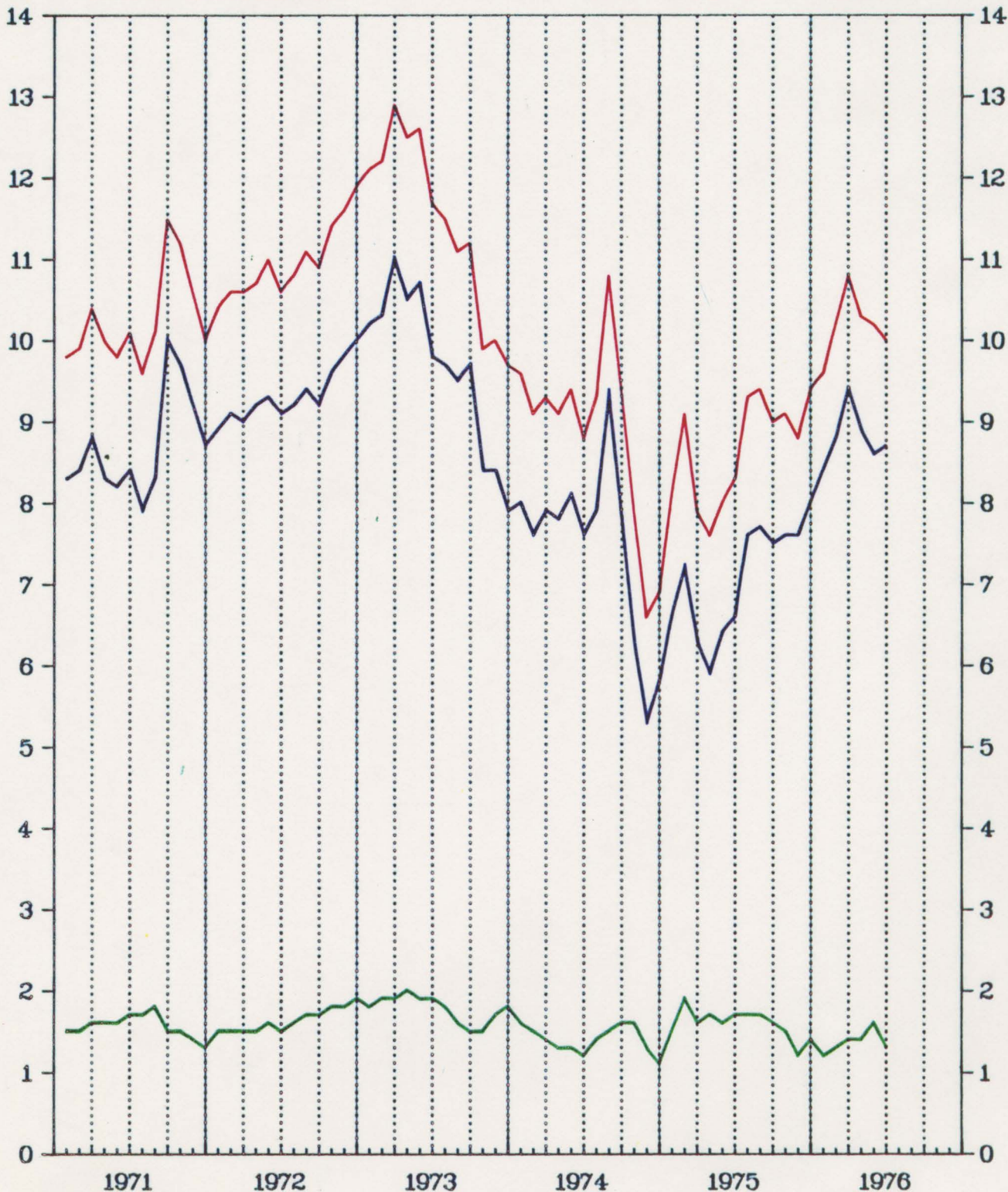
- Average Hourly Earnings for Production and Nonsupervisory workers remained unchanged in June at \$4.83.
- The largest gain--4 cents--was reported by Construction.
- Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate showed the largest decline, down 3 cents to \$4.34.
- Manufacturing rose 3 cents to \$5.16.

A.4.3—Retail Unit Sales of New Passenger Cars

Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates

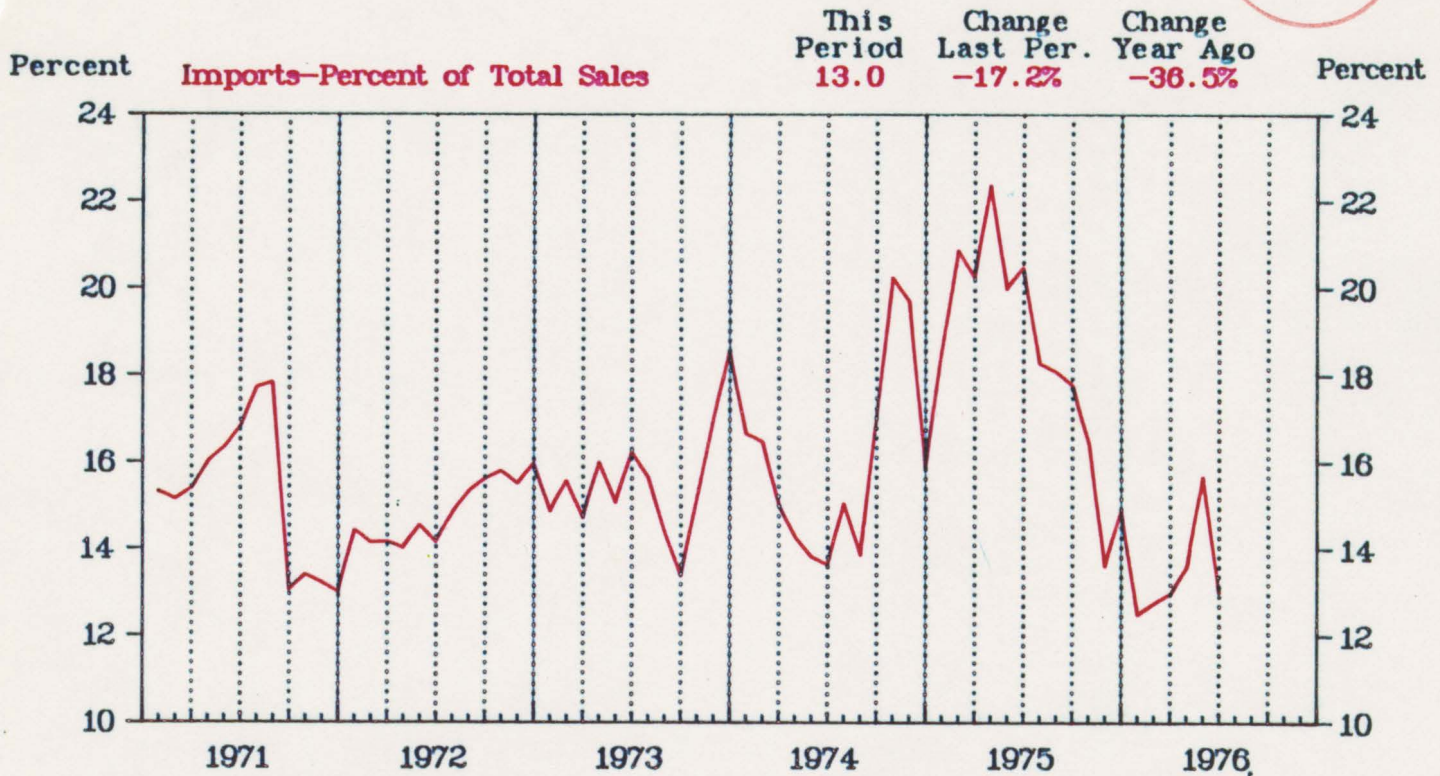
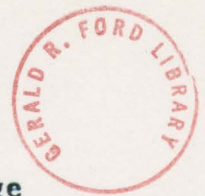


	Total Sales	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago	
Millions of Units	Sales of Domestic Cars	10.0	-2.0%	20.5%	
	Sales of Imported Cars	8.7	1.2%	31.8%	Millions of Units
		1.3	-18.8%	-23.5%	



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
12 July 1976

A.4.3—Imports as a Percent of Total New Car Sales



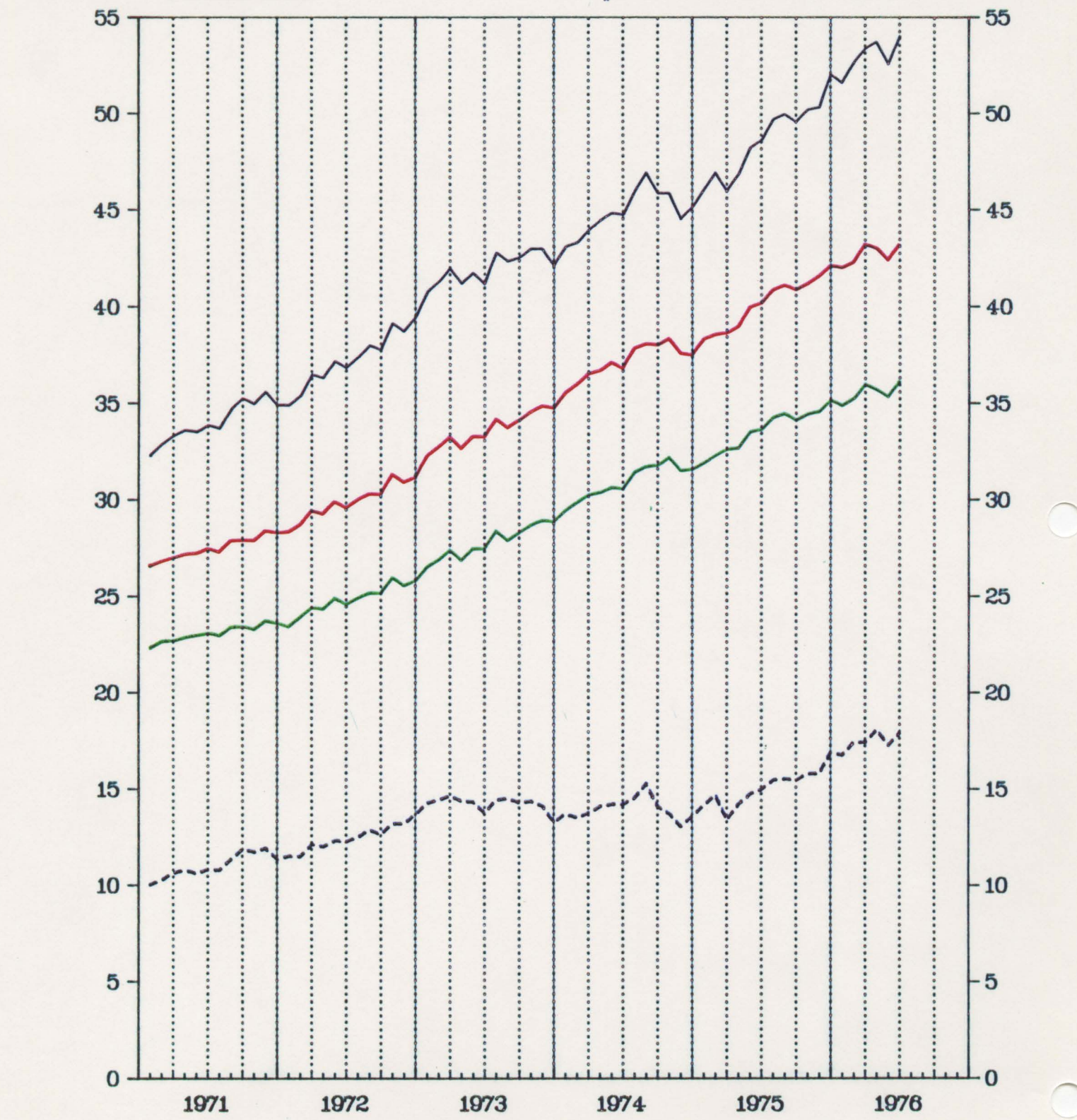
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- Total Retail Sales of Passenger Cars declined for the third consecutive month in June to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 10 million units.
- Although June sales are 7.4 percent below the March peak of 10.8 million units, the highest level since August 1974, they are 20.5 percent above June 1975.
- Domestic Sales edged up 1.2 percent to 8.7 million following 2 months of decline.
- Import Sales, which had risen 14.7 percent in May, fell 18.8 percent to 1.3 million units.
- The Imports' share of the Passenger Car market fell to 13.0 percent in June.

A.4.6—Monthly Retail Sales June Advance



	This	Change	Change	
Retail Sales, Total	\$54.0	2.7%	11.1%	
Total, Excluding Automotive	\$43.2	1.9%	7.6%	
Nondurable Goods	\$36.1	2.2%	7.4%	
Durable Goods - - -	\$17.9	3.7%	19.6%	

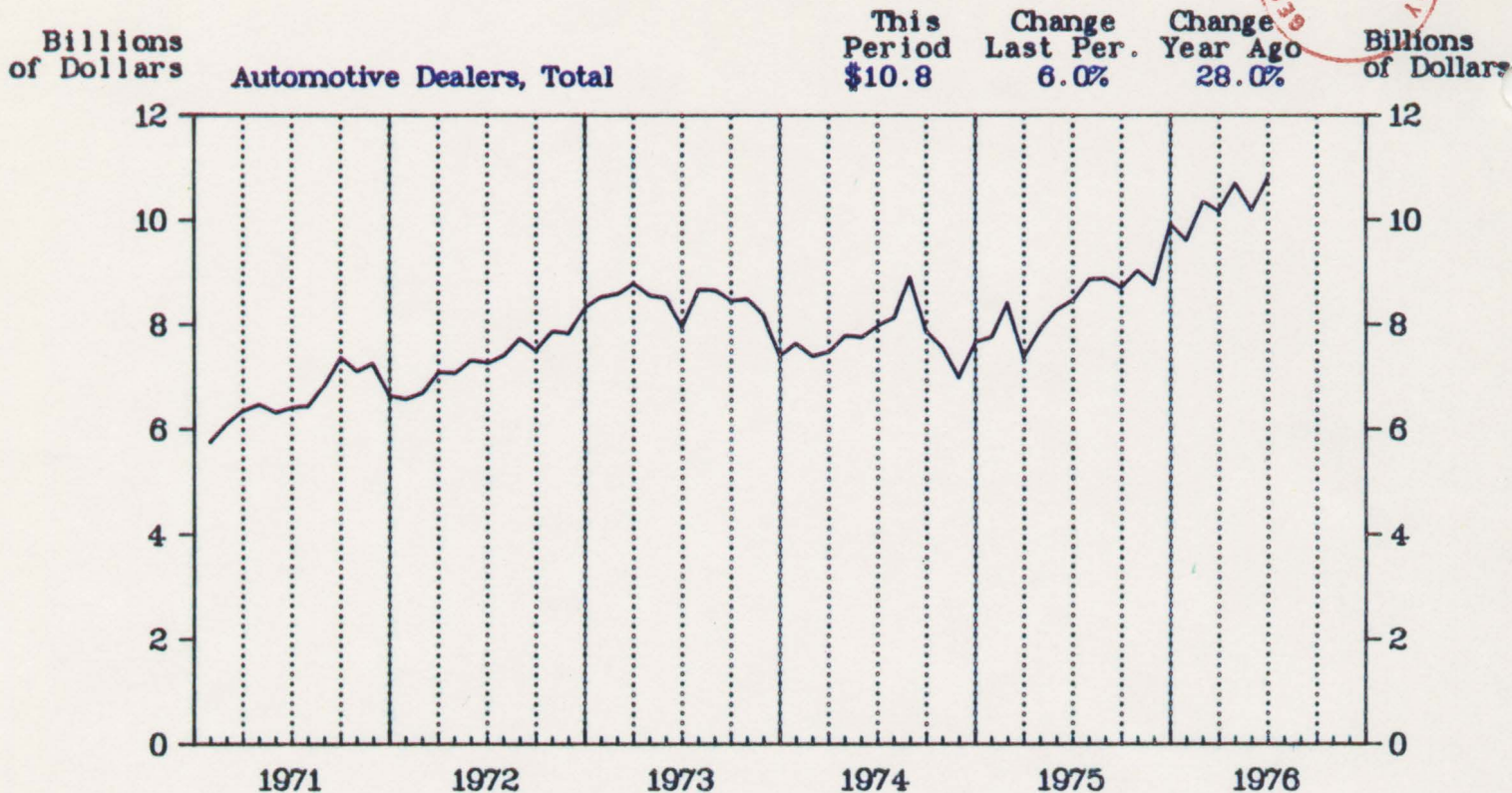


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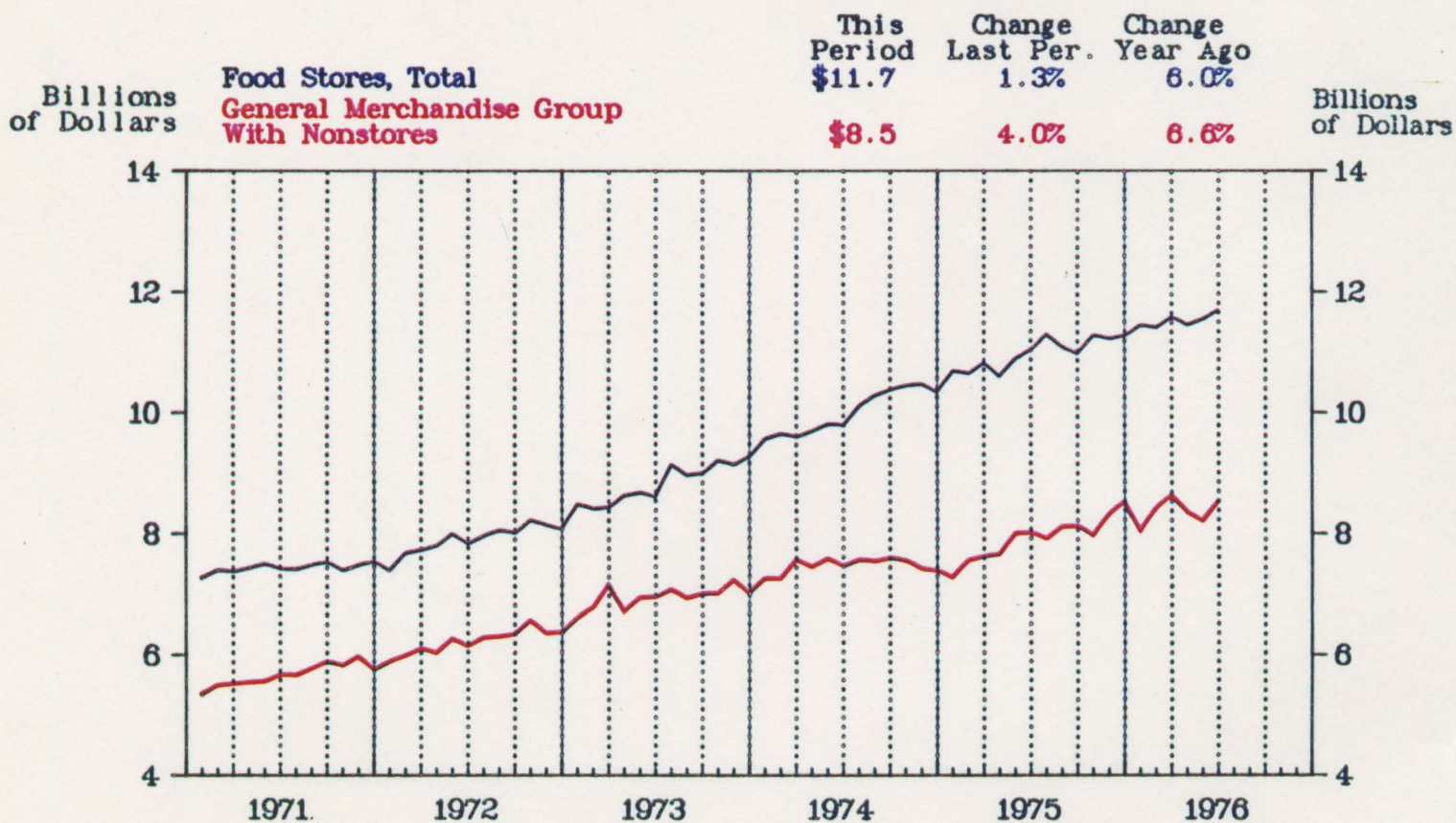


- Advance data for June indicates that Total Retail Sales, recovering from the May decline, rose 2.7 percent, or \$1.4 billion to \$54.0 billion.
- Reflecting additional data, the May decline, originally reported as 1.2 percent, was revised to 2.1 percent.
- Sales of Durable Goods rebounded in June, up 3.7 percent, or \$645 million to \$17.9 billion.
- A jump of \$622 million in Automotive Dealers accounted for 96 percent of the June increase.
- Following a \$336 million decline in May, Sales of Nondurable Goods advanced \$788 million in June to a new high of \$36.1 billion.

A.4.6—Monthly Retail Sales Components of Durable Goods



Components of Nondurable Goods





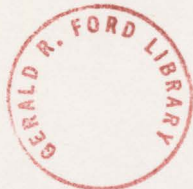
DURABLE GOODS:

- Reversing a \$514 million decline in May, Sales of Automotive Dealers jumped \$622 million in June to a record high \$10.8 billion.

NONDURABLE GOODS:

- General Merchandise Group with Nonstores (includes department stores, variety stores, general stores, and those selling merchandise by mail and vending machines) increased \$328 million (4.0 percent) to \$8.5 billion.
- Food Stores were up 1.3 percent (\$145 million) to \$11.7 billion, eclipsing the previous high recorded in March.

A.4.7—Sales of Merchant Wholesalers

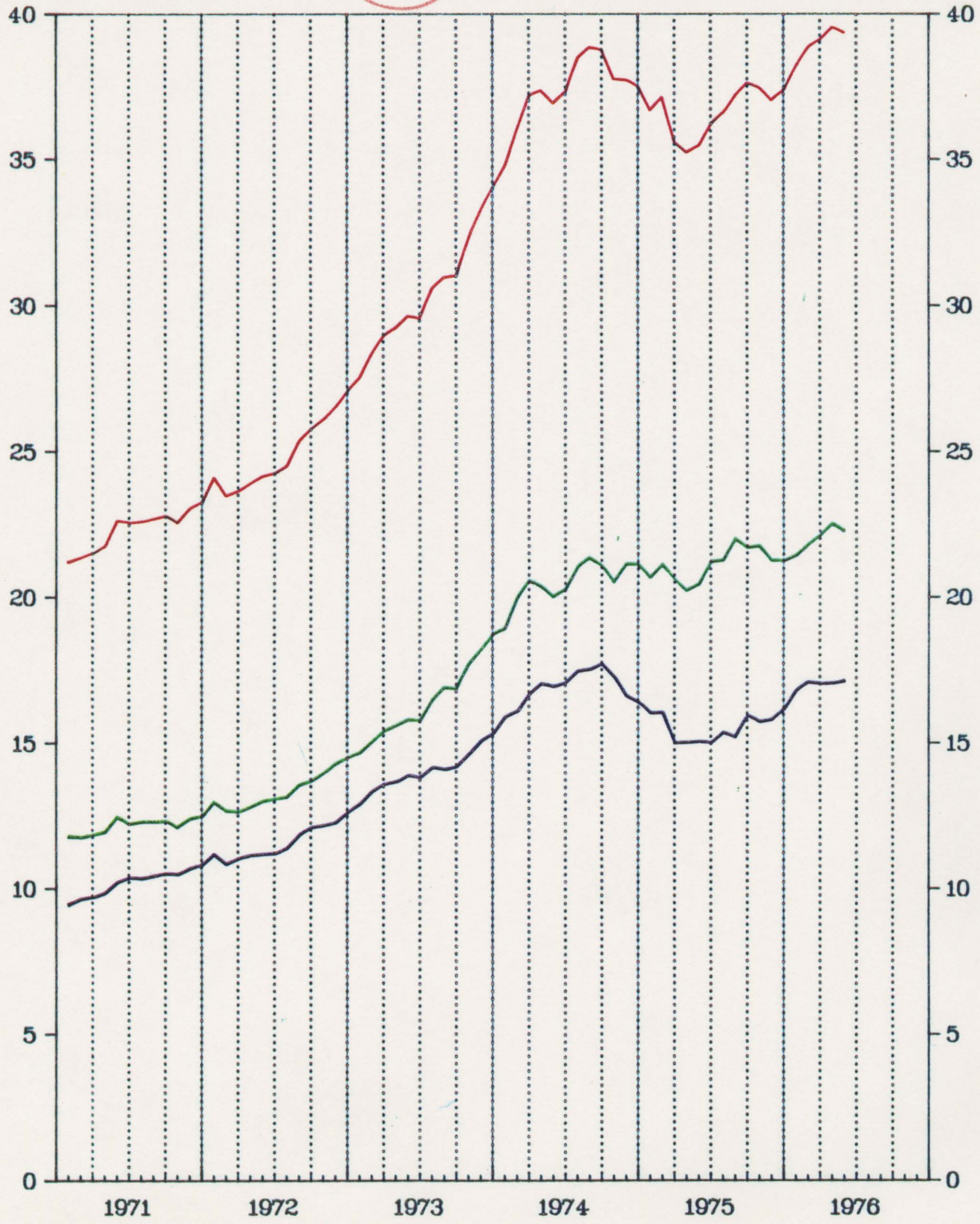


Billions
of Dollars

Total Sales
Nondurable Sales
Durable Sales

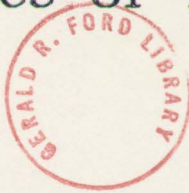
This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$39.35	-0.5%	11.0%
\$22.25	-1.1%	9.0%
\$17.10	0.4%	13.8%

Billions
of Dollars



Source: Bureau of the Census
12 July 1976

A.4.7—Inventories of Merchant Wholesalers

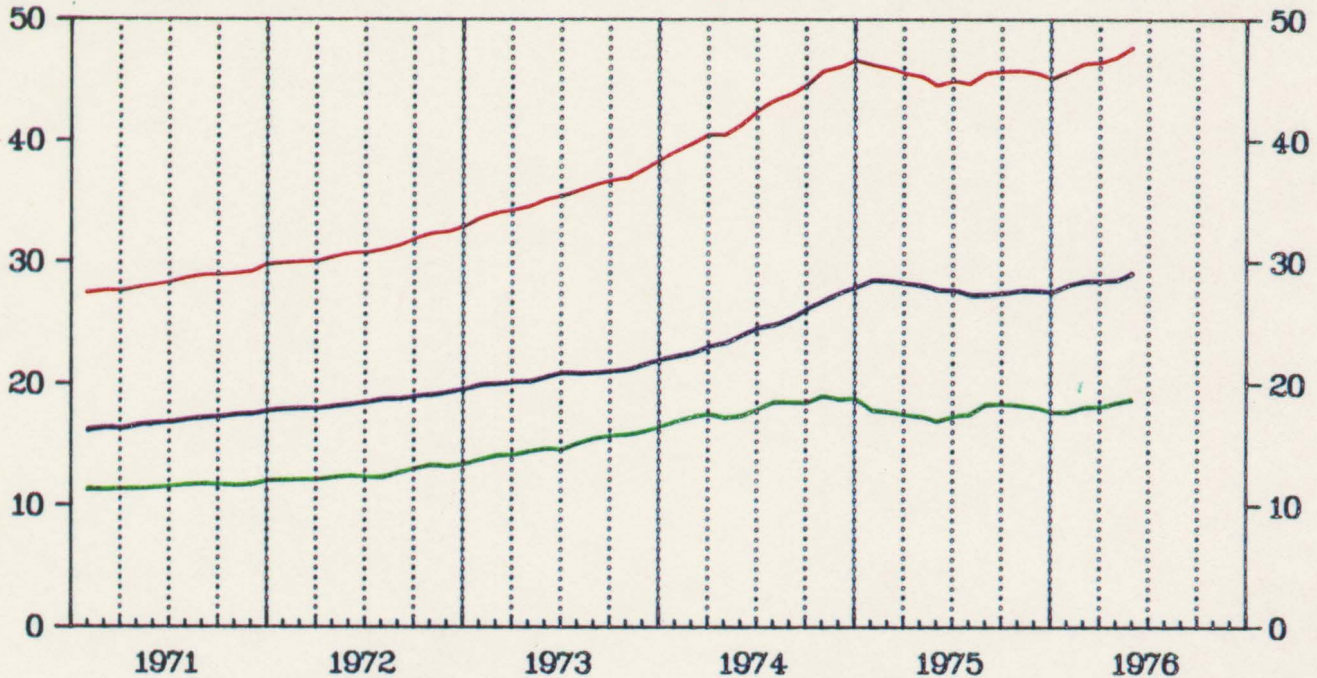


Billions
of Dollars

Total Inventories
Durable Goods
Nondurable Goods

This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
\$47.66	1.8%	7.0%
\$29.01	2.0%	4.9%
\$18.65	1.4%	10.3%

Billions
of Dollars



Source: Bureau of the Census
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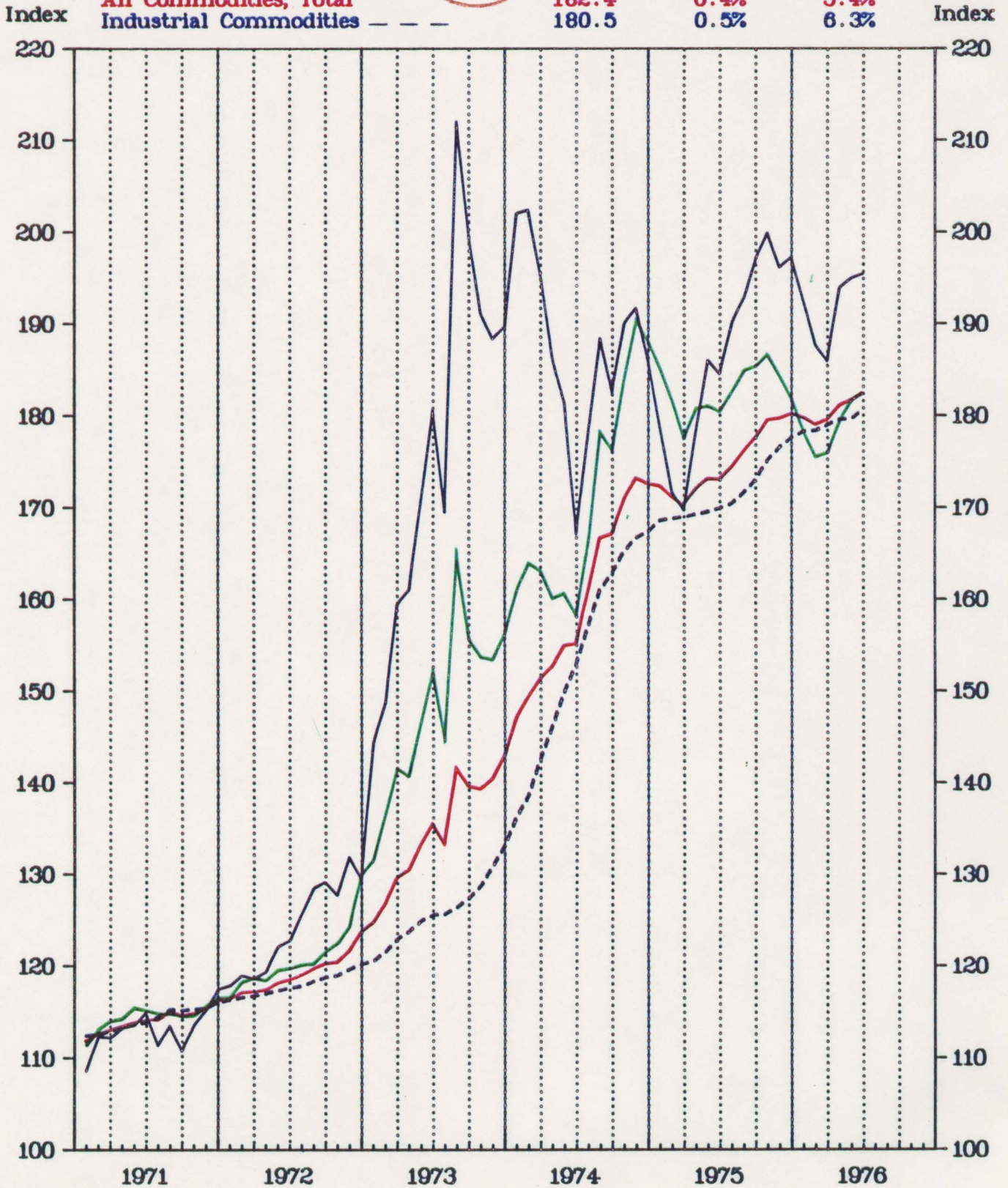
- Total Sales of Merchant Wholesalers declined for the first time in 6 months, down 0.5 percent, or \$179 million to \$39.4 billion.
- Nondurable Sales, which declined for the first time since last November, accounted for the May decline. An increase in Durable Sales was partially offsetting.
- Nondurable Sales declined \$253 million, or 1.1 percent to \$22.3 billion.
- Durable Sales rose 0.4 percent, or \$74 million, to \$17.1 billion.
- Durable Sales have shown little change since February.
- Total Inventories of Merchant Wholesalers rose for the fifth month, up 1.8 percent, or \$829 million, to another new high of \$47.7 billion.
- Durable Inventories, which advanced 2 percent, or \$564 million, accounted for about two-thirds of the May increase.
- Nondurable Inventories increased 1.4 percent (\$265 million) to \$18.65 billion, the highest level since December 1974.

A.6.2—Wholesale Price Index (1967=100)



Farm Products
 Processed Foods and Feeds
 All Commodities, Total
 Industrial Commodities — — —

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Farm Products	195.4	0.3%	5.9%
Processed Foods and Feeds	182.4	0.4%	1.1%
All Commodities, Total	182.4	0.4%	5.4%
Industrial Commodities	180.5	0.5%	6.3%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
 12 July 1976



- The Wholesale Price Index for All Commodities rose a seasonally-adjusted 0.4 percent in June.
 - This follows a 0.3-percent increase in May, an 0.8-percent advance in April, and almost no change during the October 1975 to March 1976 period.
 - A 0.5-percent increase in Industrial Commodities was partially offset by a slower rise in Farm Products.
- Farm Products edged up 0.3 percent to 195.4. This was half the gain posted in May and considerably slower than the 4.2-percent hike posted in April.
 - For the 3 months ending in June, Farm Prices rose 5.1 percent, compared to a first-quarter decline totaling 5.7 percent.
- Processed Foods and Feeds rose 0.4 percent, considerably slower than the 1.9-percent and 1.3-percent increases posted in April and May, respectively.
- The Industrial Commodities Index, which accounts for slightly more than three-fourths of the Total Index, rose 0.5 percent in June. This was the largest gain since December 1975.
 - Prices for Industrial Commodities rose at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 3.6 percent during the June quarter. This compares to an annual rate of 3.1 percent in the March quarter, and a 10.6-percent gain in the final quarter of 1975.

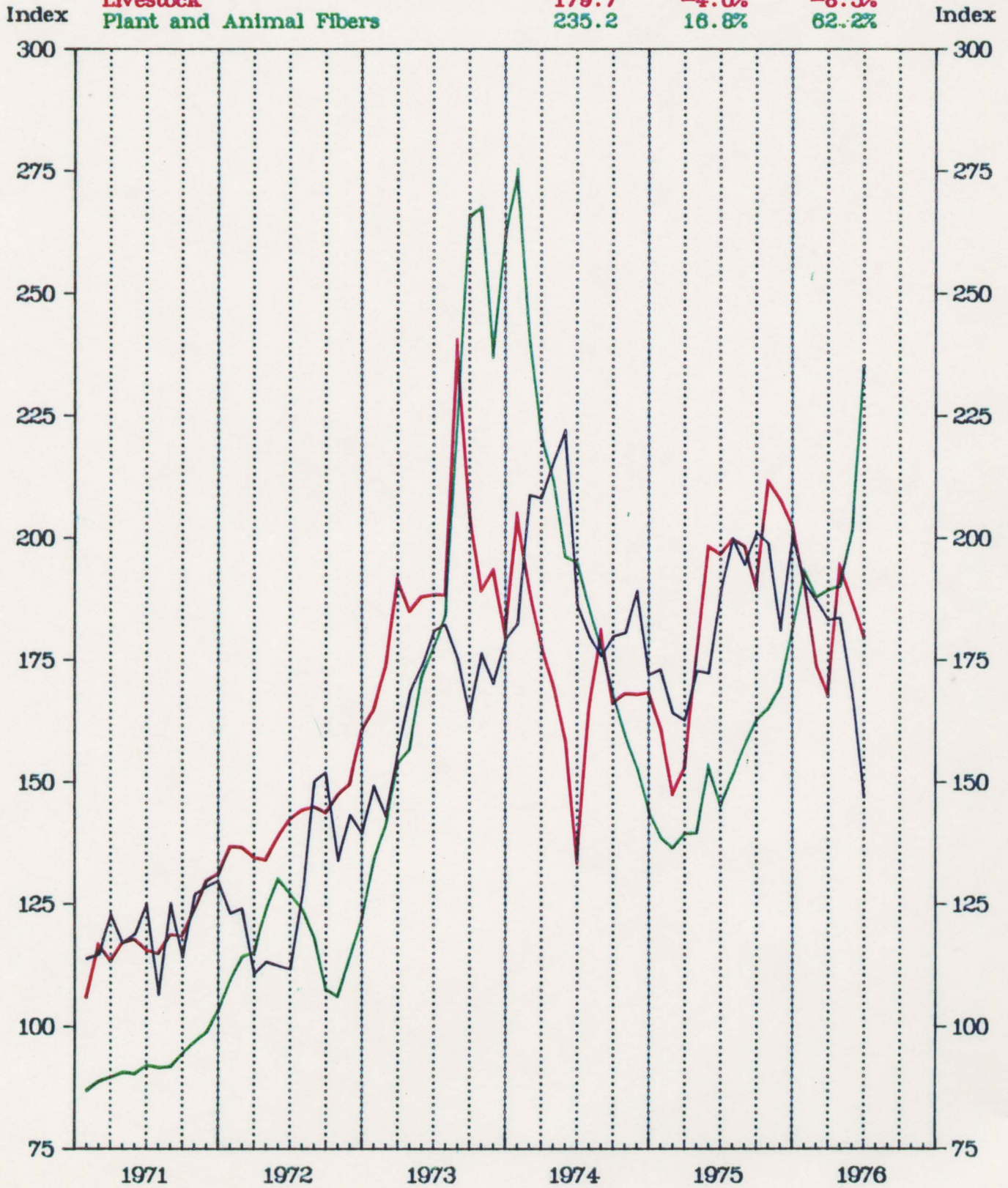
A.6.2—Wholesale Price Index

Selected Farm Products



Fresh and Dried Fruits
and Vegetables
Livestock
Plant and Animal Fibers

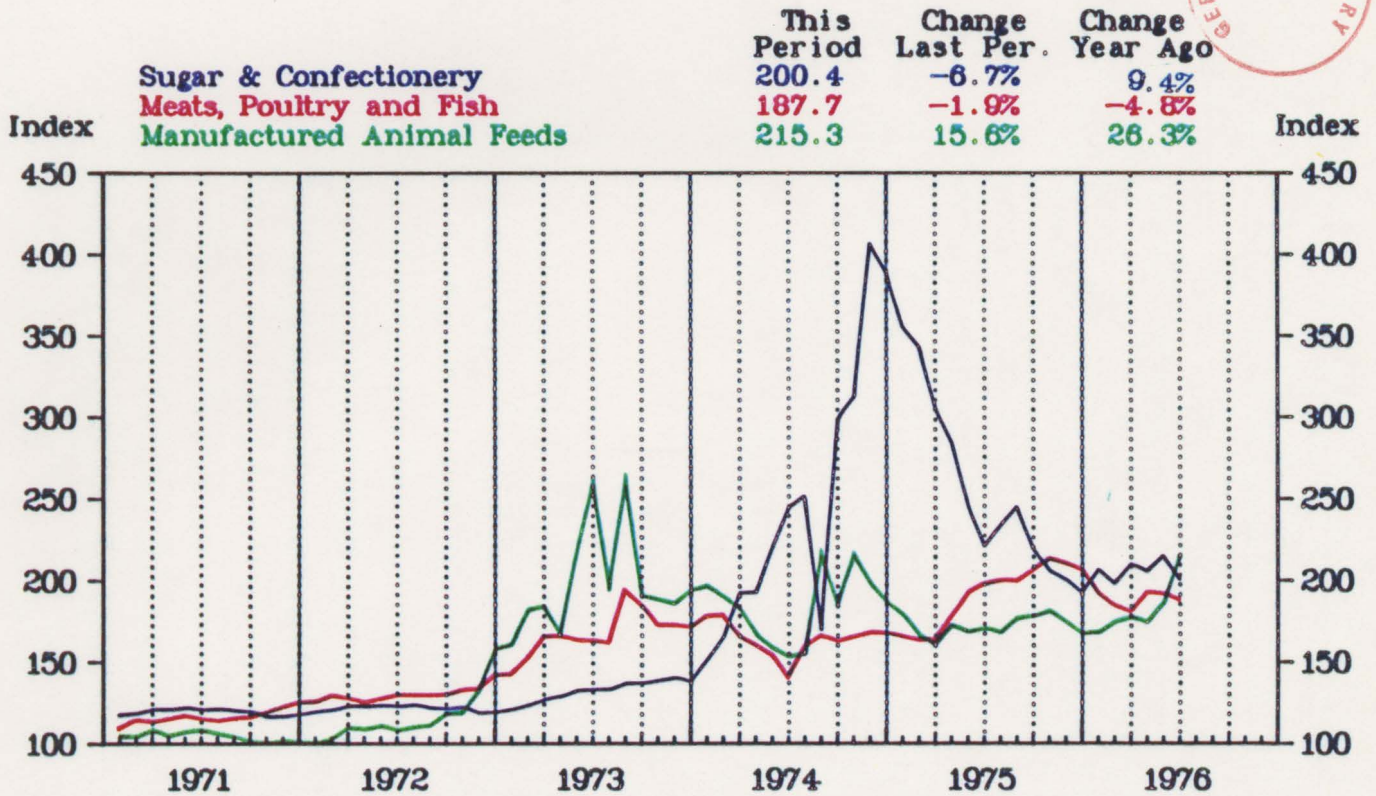
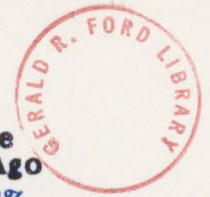
This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
146.8	-12.8%	-22.2%
179.7	-4.0%	-8.5%
235.2	16.8%	62.2%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
12 July 1976

A.6.2—Wholesale Price Index

Selected Processed Foods and Feeds



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
12 July 1976

Among Farm Products:

- Further declines in prices for Fresh and Dried Fruits and Vegetables and Livestock partially offset increases in other commodities.
 - Fresh and Dried Fruits and Vegetables fell for the second month to 146.8, the lowest level since February 1973.
 - Livestock declined for the second month, down 4.0 percent to 179.7.
 - Reflecting increases in Green Coffee and Cocoa Beans, the Plant and Animal Fibers index rose sharply, up 16.8 percent to 235.2, the highest level since February 1974.

• Among Processed Foods and Feeds:

- A sharp increase in Manufactured Animal Feeds was largely offset by lower prices for Sugar and Confectionery.
 - Manufactured Animal Feeds rose 15.6 percent to 215.3, the highest level since October 1974.
 - Erasing a 4.5-percent rise in May, Sugar and Confectionery fell 6.7 percent.
 - The Meats, Poultry, and Fish index declined more in June, down 1.9 percent.

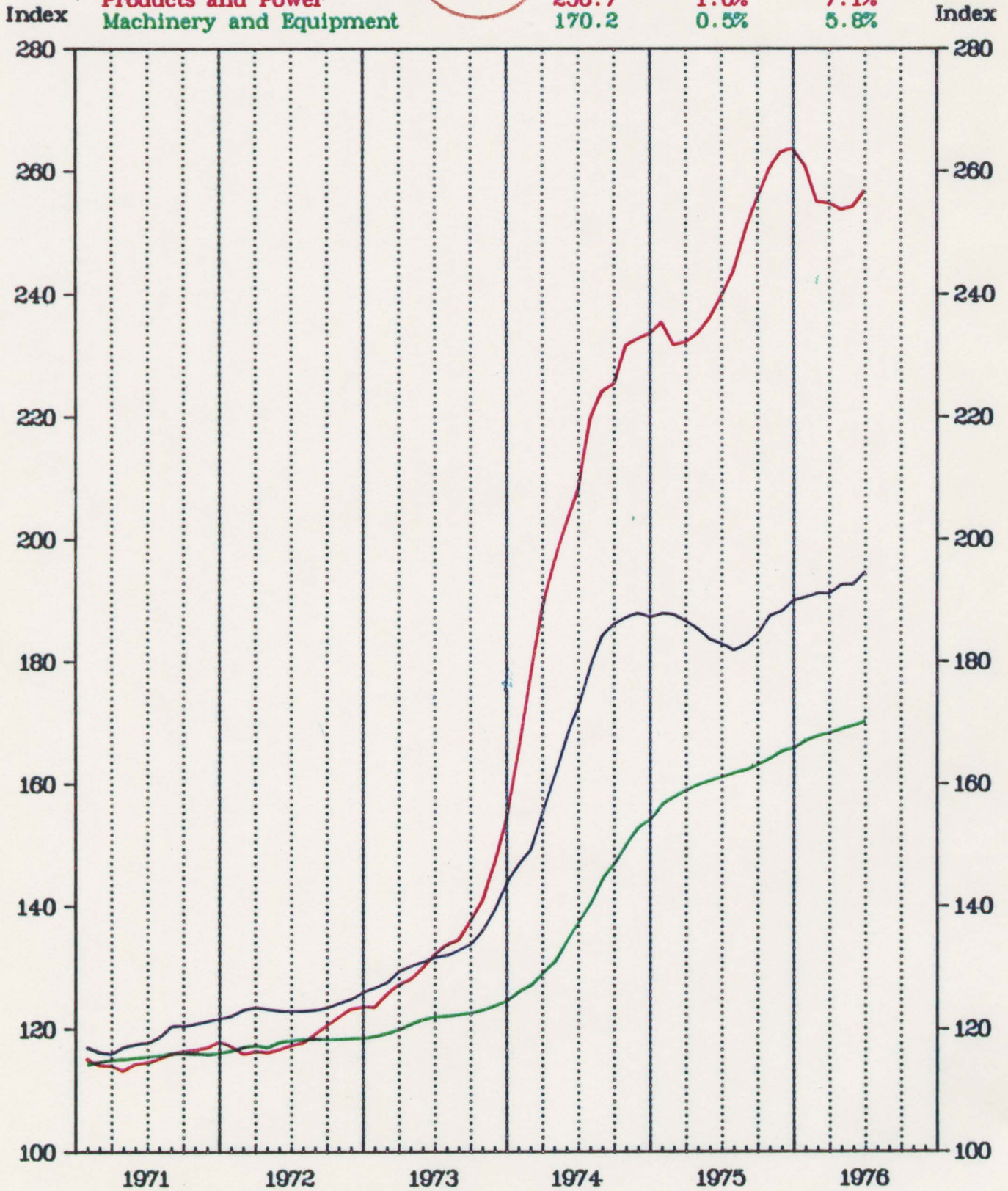
A.6.2—Wholesale Price Index

Selected Industrial Commodities



Metals and Metal Products
 Fuels and Related
 Products and Power
 Machinery and Equipment

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Metals and Metal Products	194.6	1.1%	6.4%
Fuels and Related Products and Power	256.7	1.0%	7.1%
Machinery and Equipment	170.2	0.5%	5.8%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
 12 July 1976





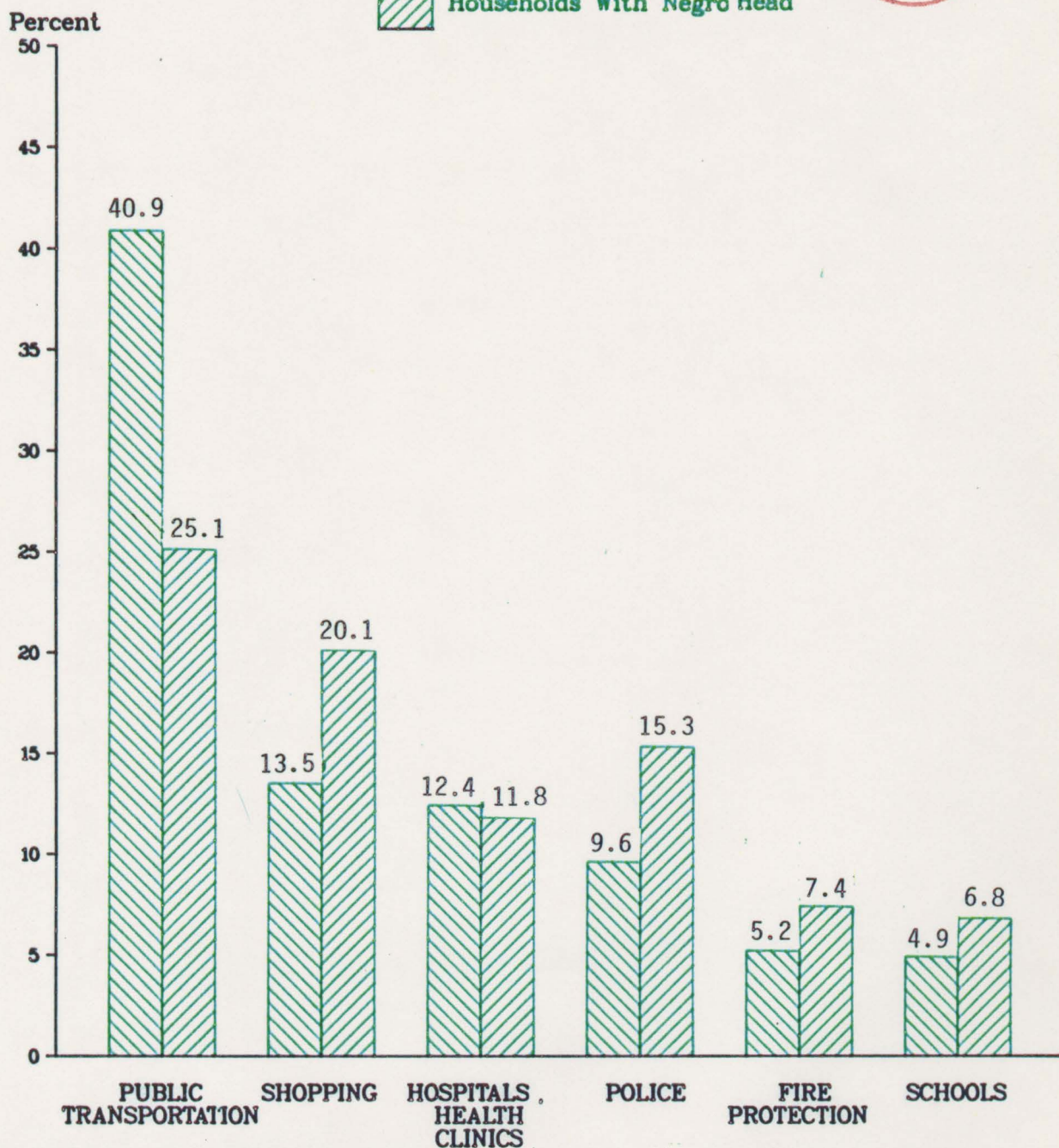
- Eleven out of thirteen components of the Industrial Commodities Index reported gains in June, with increases in the Metals and Metal Products Index and the Fuels and Related Products Index accounting for more than half the total rise in Industrial Commodities.
- Metals and Metal Products rose 1.1 percent following no change in May. The June advance resulted largely from the implementation of previously announced increases in prices for selected steel mill products.
- Fuels and Related Products and Power moved up 1.0 percent, spurred by increases in gasoline prices. This follows a 0.2-percent gain in May and declines in the first 4 months of 1976.
- Machinery and Equipment rose 0.5 percent to 170.2.

B.7.4 —Percent of Households Rating Neighborhood Services as Inadequate: 1974

By Race



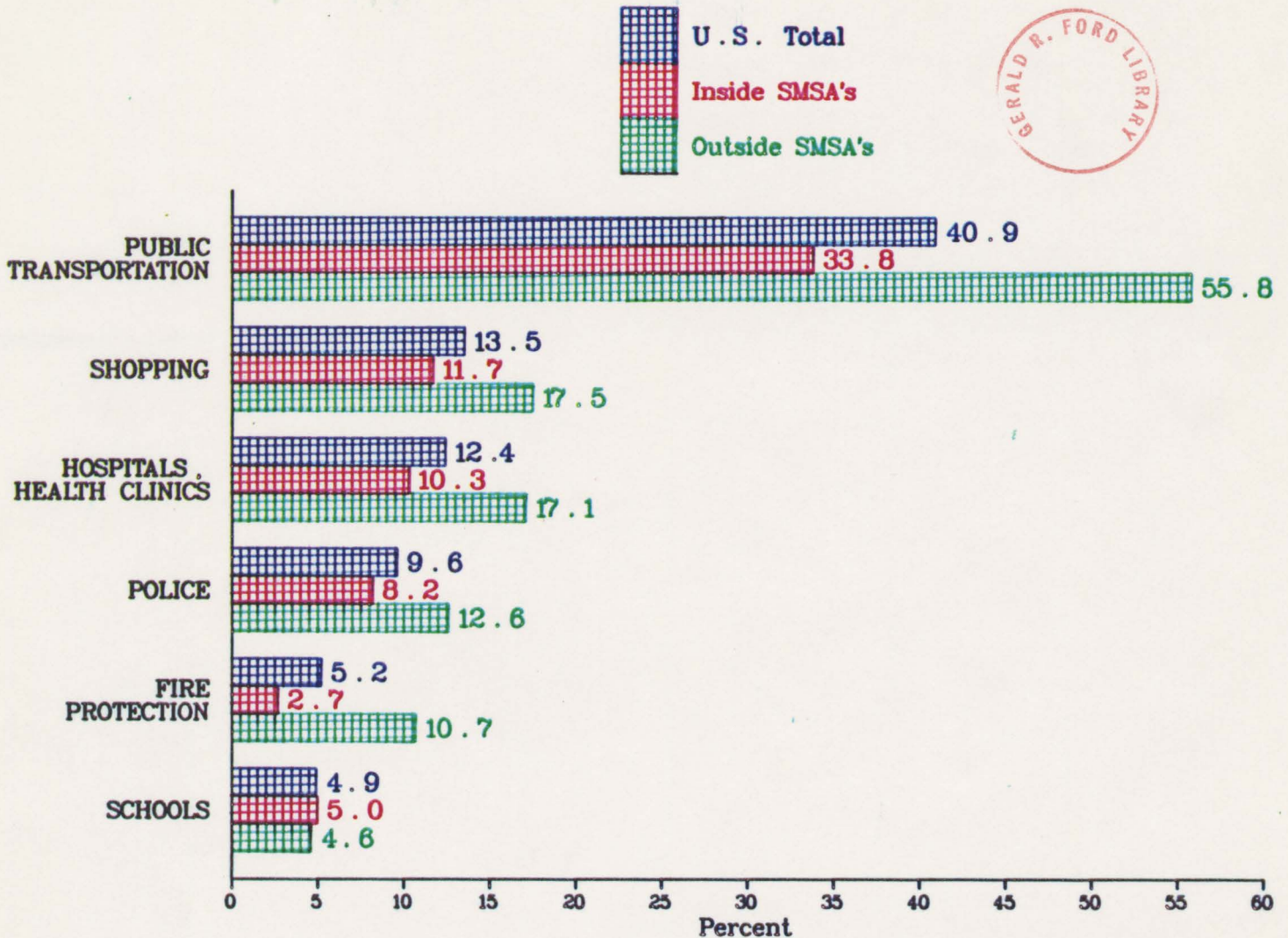
 Total Households
 Households With Negro Head



Source: Bureau of the Census
12 July 1976

B.7.4—Inadequate Neighborhood Services



By Location

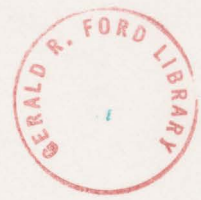
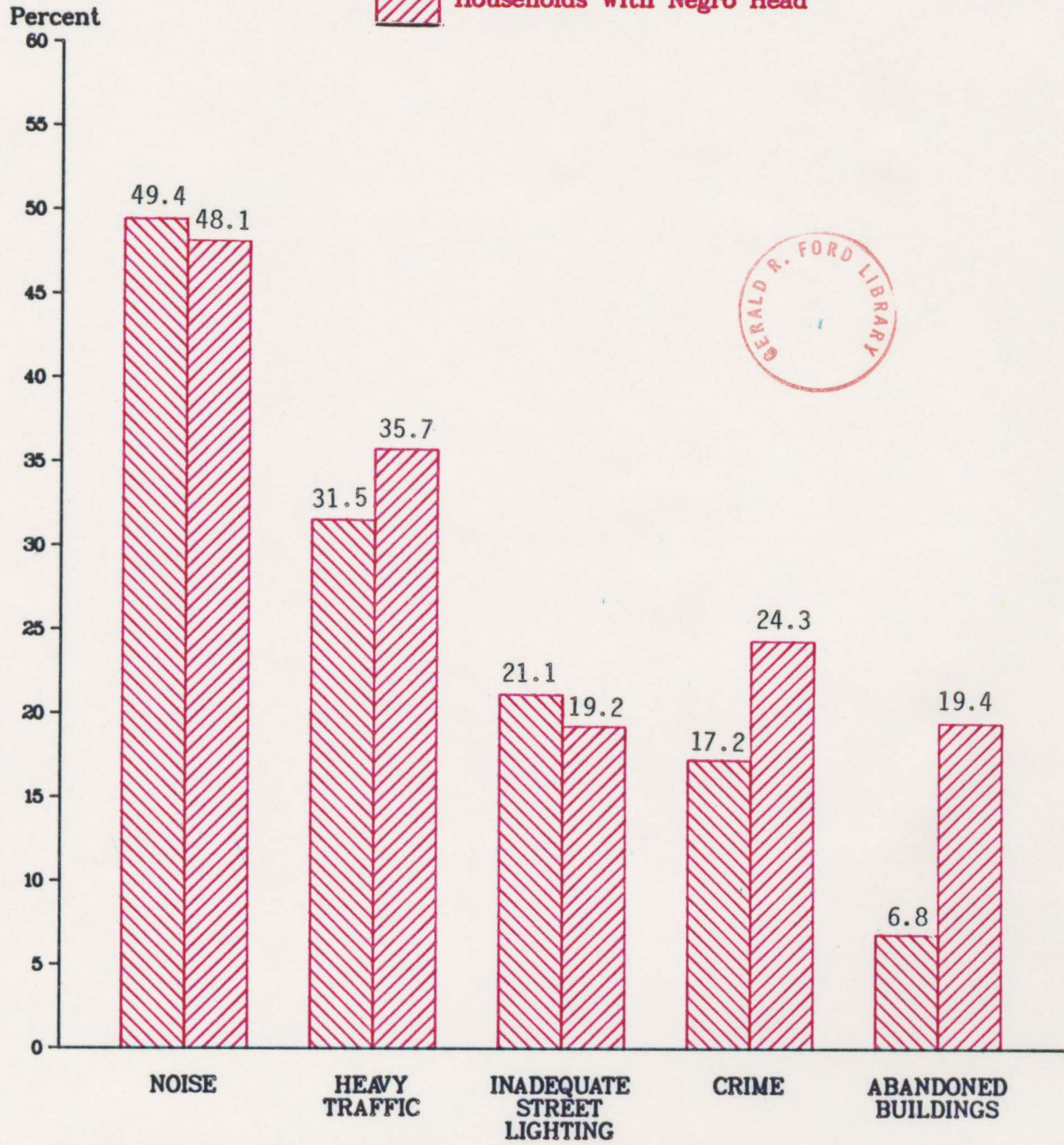


- Of Neighborhood Services rated across the Nation, Public Transportation was considered most inadequate, with 41 percent of All Households reporting dissatisfaction.
- Shopping facilities were rated inadequate by 13½ percent of all U.S. Households; 20 percent of black households were dissatisfied with neighborhood shopping.
- Schools received the most satisfactory rating by Households of all races.
- By location, Neighborhood Services received better ratings from respondents living inside large metropolitan areas.

B.7.4—Percent of Households Reporting Presence of Undesirable Street Conditions: 1974

By Race

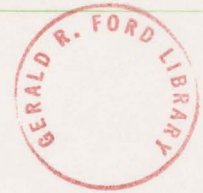
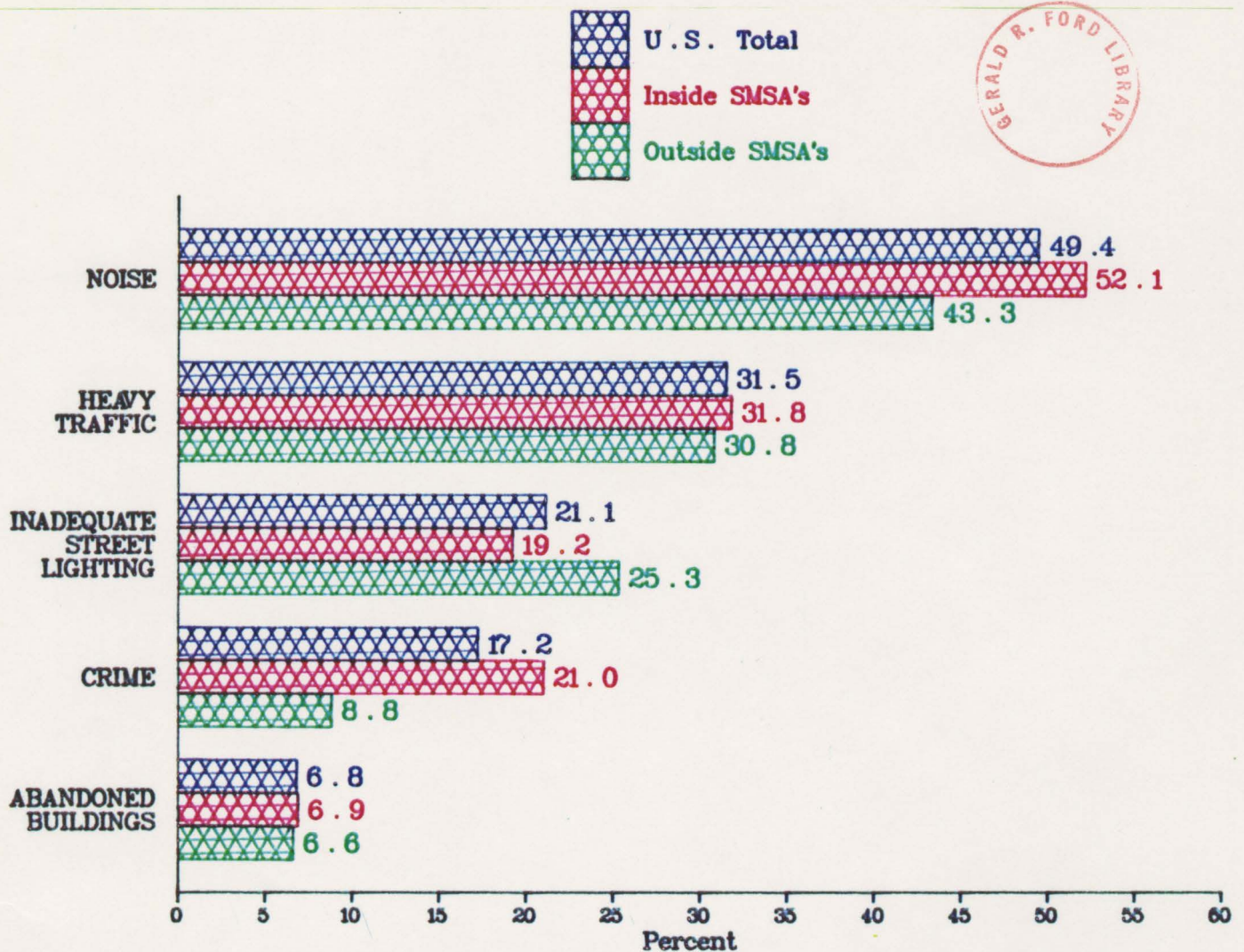
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 Households With Negro Head



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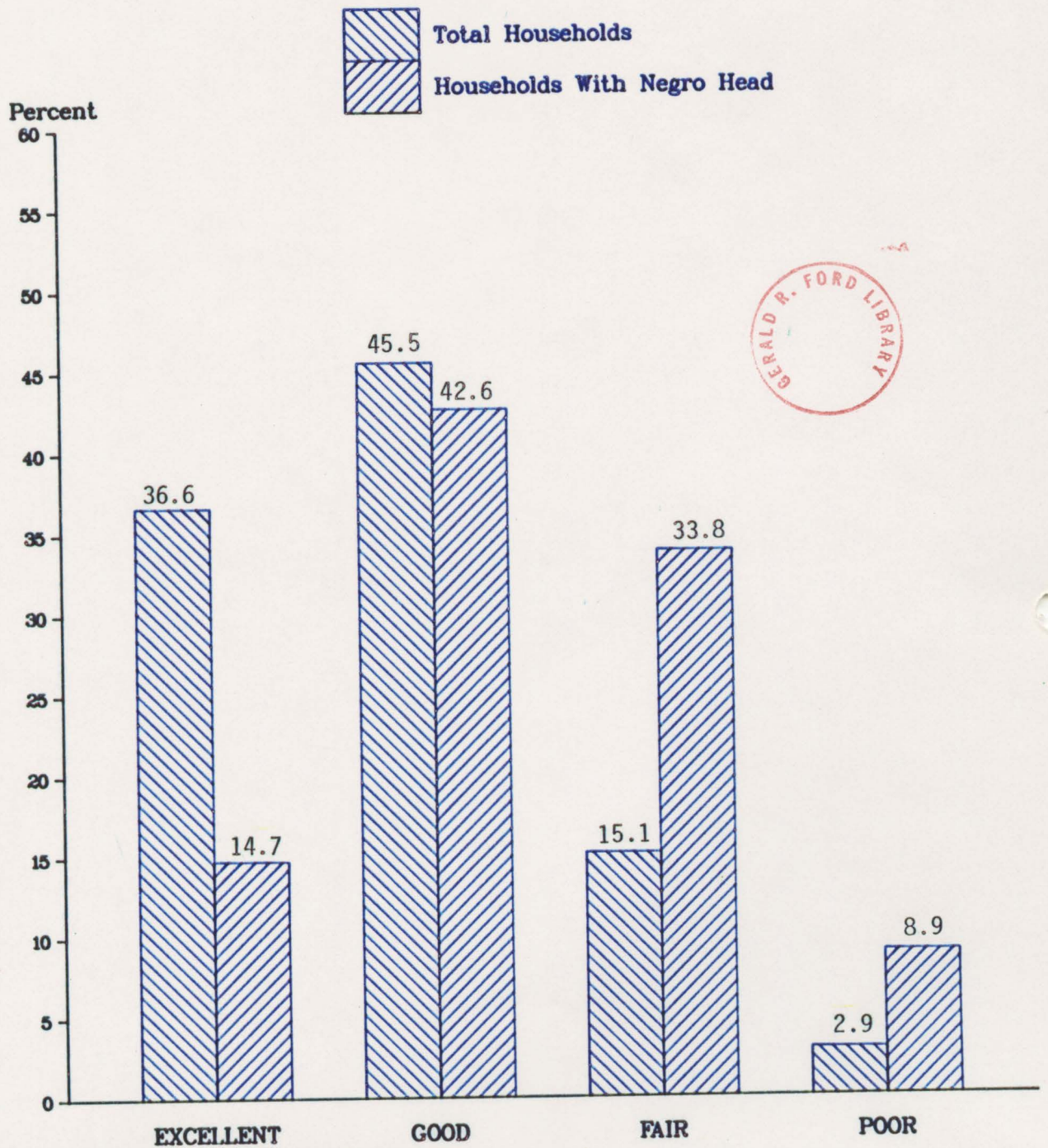
B.7.4—Undesirable Street Conditions

By Location

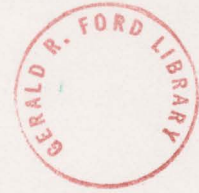


- Undesirable Street Noise was reported present in the neighborhood by nearly half of all U.S. Households.
- 32 percent of All Households and 36 percent of Negro Households also reported the presence of Heavy Traffic.
- The presence of Abandoned Buildings was reported by 19 percent of all Negro Households compared with 7 percent of Total U.S. Households.
- Presence of Noise, Heavy Traffic, Crime, and Abandoned Buildings were reported more frequently inside than outside large metropolitan areas; while Inadequate Street Lighting was reported more often outside of SMSA's.

B.7.4—Households Overall Rating of Neighborhood: 1974 By Race

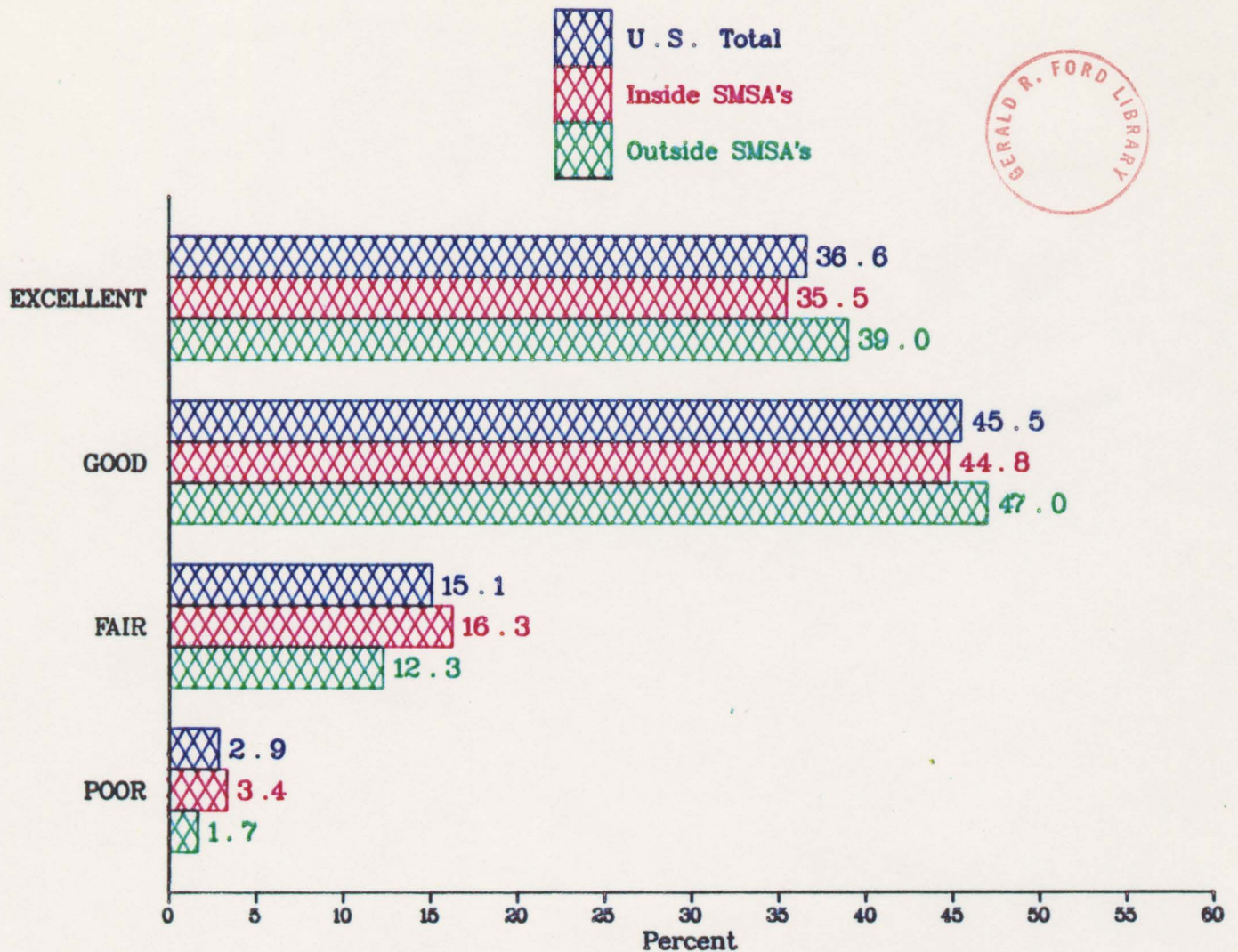


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B.7.4 — Rating of Neighborhood

By Location



- More than four-fifths of Total U.S. Households considered the condition of their neighborhood as either excellent or good; while 57 percent of Negro Households gave their neighborhoods the same ratings.
- Nearly 34 percent of Negro Households rated their neighborhood as Fair, compared to 15 percent of All Households.
- A very small proportion of households considered their neighborhoods in Poor condition--3 percent and 9 percent for Total Households and Negro Households, respectively.
- General neighborhood ratings were slightly better outside of than within large metropolitan areas.