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Dick Allison

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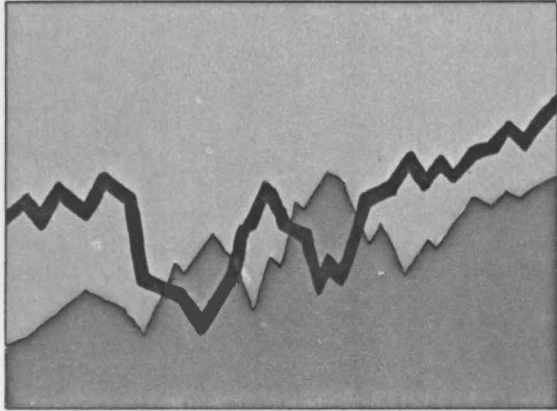
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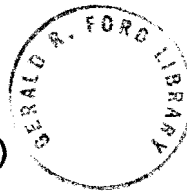
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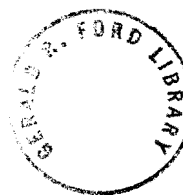
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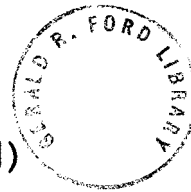
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SECTION B—General Social Indicators (Continued)

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
B.3.5 Health Care Delivery					
— Physician and Dental Visits				X	
— Costs and Expenditures				X	
— Facilities				X	
— Personnel				X	
— Attitudes Towards Health Care					X
Part 4—Education					
B.4.1 Educational Achievement by Sex, Race, Socioeconomic Status, Region					
— Math, Science, Reading, Writing					X
— Music, Art, Literature, Citizenship					X
B.4.2 Attainment					
— High School Graduation Rate				X	
— The High School-Educated Population by Race and Sex				X	
— College-Educated Population by Race and Sex				X	
B.4.3 School Enrollment					
— Primary and Secondary School				X	
— Preprimary by Age, Race, Income				X	
— Modal Age Enrollment by Sex, Race				X	
— High School Students Expecting to go to College					X
— College Entrance Rates by Sex, Race, Socioeconomic Status					X
— College Enrollment				X	
— Participation in Adult Education					X
B.4.4 Educational Facilities and Personnel					
— Schools, Classrooms				X	
— Teachers, Administrative, Others				X	
B.4.5 Costs and Expenditures					
— Expected Student Expenses, Higher Education					X
— Expenditures by Level of Government				X	
Part 5—Work					
B.5.1 Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment					
— Labor Force Participation, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Part-time, Part-year Workers, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Employment by Occupation, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Unemployment, Selected Characteristics		X		X	
— Discouraged Workers			X	X	
— Labor Union Membership				X	
B.5.2 Earnings					
— Median Earnings, Selected Characteristics				X	

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SECTION B—General Social Indicators (Continued)

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
B.5.3 Working Conditions					
— Regular and Overtime Hours, Selected Characteristics				X	
— Work Injuries by Occupation				X	
— Transportation to Work—Time, Distance, and Mode					X
B.5.4 Benefits					
— Vacations, Holidays					X
— Benefit Plans				X	
B.5.5 Retirement					
— Persons Retiring From Work				X	
— Work-Life Expectancy					X
— Retirement Benefits				X	
Part 6—Income, Consumption, and Wealth					
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			X		
— 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		
Part 7—Housing					
B.7.1 Housing Conditions					
— Average Size of Households				X	
— Households Lacking Selected Facilities, by Size, Race, Tenure, and Location				X	
— Average Persons Per Room				X	

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SECTION B—Socioeconomic Series (Continued)

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
B.7.2 Home Tenure					
— 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	
— Average Rental Payments				X	
B.7.4 Attitudes Towards Housing and the Community					X
Part 8—Leisure and Recreation					
B.8.1 Use of Leisure Time					X
B.8.2 Recreation					
— Outdoor (Social, Active Sports, etc.)					X
— Indoor (Television, Visiting, Other)				X	X
Part 9—Public Safety					
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	
— Average Prison Population				X	
B.9.7 Expenditures for Administration of Criminal Justice				X	
B.9.8 Selected Studies					

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SECTION C—Government Activity

Part 1—Social Welfare and Security

C.1.1 Social Security (OASDHI)

- Current Beneficiaries
- New Beneficiaries
- Average Payment

C.1.2 Old Age Assistance

- Benefits Paid
- Recipients

C.1.3 Aid to the Disabled

- Blind
- Deaf
- Other

C.1.4 Aid to Families With Dependent Children

- Recipients
- Benefits

C.1.5 Unemployment Insurance Coverage

- Benefits Paid
- Recipients

C.1.6 Housing Assistance

- Recipients
- Benefits

C.1.7 Food Stamps

- Recipients
- Benefits

C.1.8 Aid to Disaster Victims

- Recipients
- Benefits

C.1.9 Veterans Benefits

- Recipients
- Benefits

Part 2—Equal Opportunity

C.2.1 Equal Employment Opportunity

- Minority Employment
- Earnings, Promotions, etc.

C.2.2 School Desegregation

- Students Attending Predominantly Minority Schools
- Public/Private Enrollment, and Control



WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
	X			
	X			
	X			
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SECTION C—Government Activity (Continued)

Part 3—Government Operation

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
C.3.1 Federal Employment					
— Employees		X			
— Payroll		X			
C.3.2 State and Local Employment and Finances					
— Employees		X			
— Payroll		X			

SECTION D—Environment, Science, Culture

Part 1—Environment

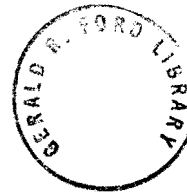
	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
D.1.1 Air Quality					
— Amount of Pollutants Released Into the Atmosphere				X	
— Ambient Air Quality-National, Major Cities				X	
— Perceived Quality					X
D.1.2 Water Quality					
— Miles of Streams Meeting EPA Standards				X	
— Oil Spills, Fish Kills				X	
D.1.3 Hazardous Substances					
— Estimated Amounts Produced				X	
— Concentration in Biosphere				X	
D.1.4 Ecological Balances					
— Endangered Species (Plant and Animal)				X	
— Critical Areas (Coastal Zones)					X
— Land/People Density				X	
D.1.5 Expenditures—Public and Private					X

Part 2—Science

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
D.2.1 Professionals in Scientific Fields					
— By Specialty				X	
— Person Years of Scientists, Engineers Engaged in R&D				X	
D.2.2 Expenditures for Research and Development					
— Private Industry				X	
— Government				X	
D.2.3 Science Achievement in Schools					
— Secondary Schools					X
— Higher Education					X

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SECTION D—Environment, Science, Culture

D.2.4 Public Attitudes Towards Science and Technology

Part 3—Culture

D.3.1 Persons Employed in Artistic Professions
 — By Type

D.3.2 Children's Skill and Appreciation of Literature Arts, Music

D.3.3 Participation in Cultural Activities
 — Voluntary Organizations
 — Travel
 — Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc.

D.3.4 Attendance at Cultural Events
 — Plays, Galleries, Motion Pictures
 — Concerts, Museums, etc.

SECTION E—Selected Subjects

	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUAL	OTHER
D.2.4 Public Attitudes Towards Science and Technology				X	
D.3.1 Persons Employed in Artistic Professions — By Type					X
D.3.2 Children's Skill and Appreciation of Literature Arts, Music					X
D.3.3 Participation in Cultural Activities — Voluntary Organizations					X
— Travel				X	
— Hobbies, Sports, Music, etc.				X	
D.3.4 Attendance at Cultural Events — Plays, Galleries, Motion Pictures				X	
— Concerts, Museums, etc.				X	

A.1.2—Personal Income

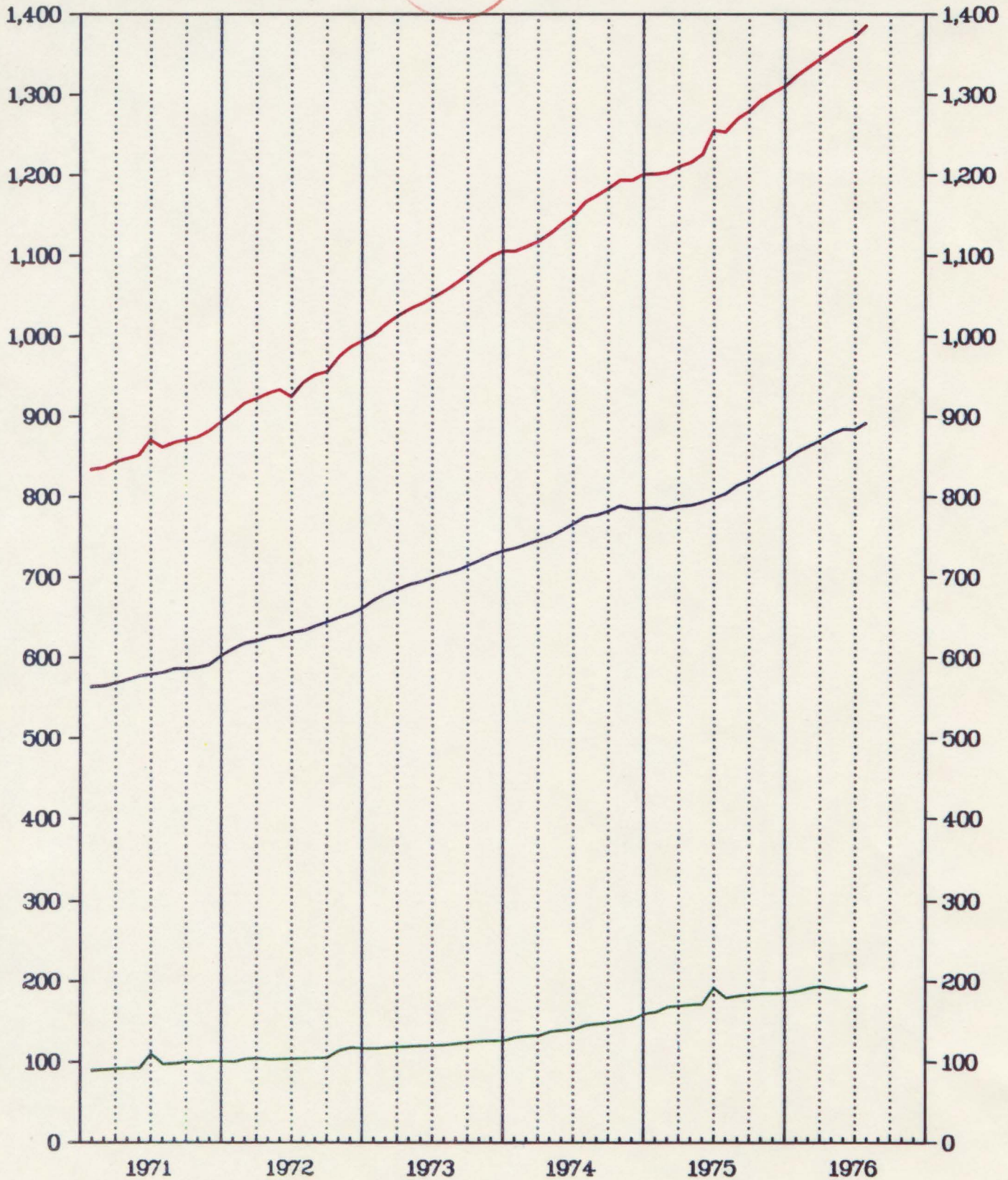
Billions
of Dollars

Total Personal Income
Total Wages and Salaries
Transfer Payments



	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Total Personal Income	\$1,384.3	1.0%	10.6%
Total Wages and Salaries	\$891.3	0.9%	11.0%
Transfer Payments	\$192.5	3.1%	8.6%

Billions
of Dollars

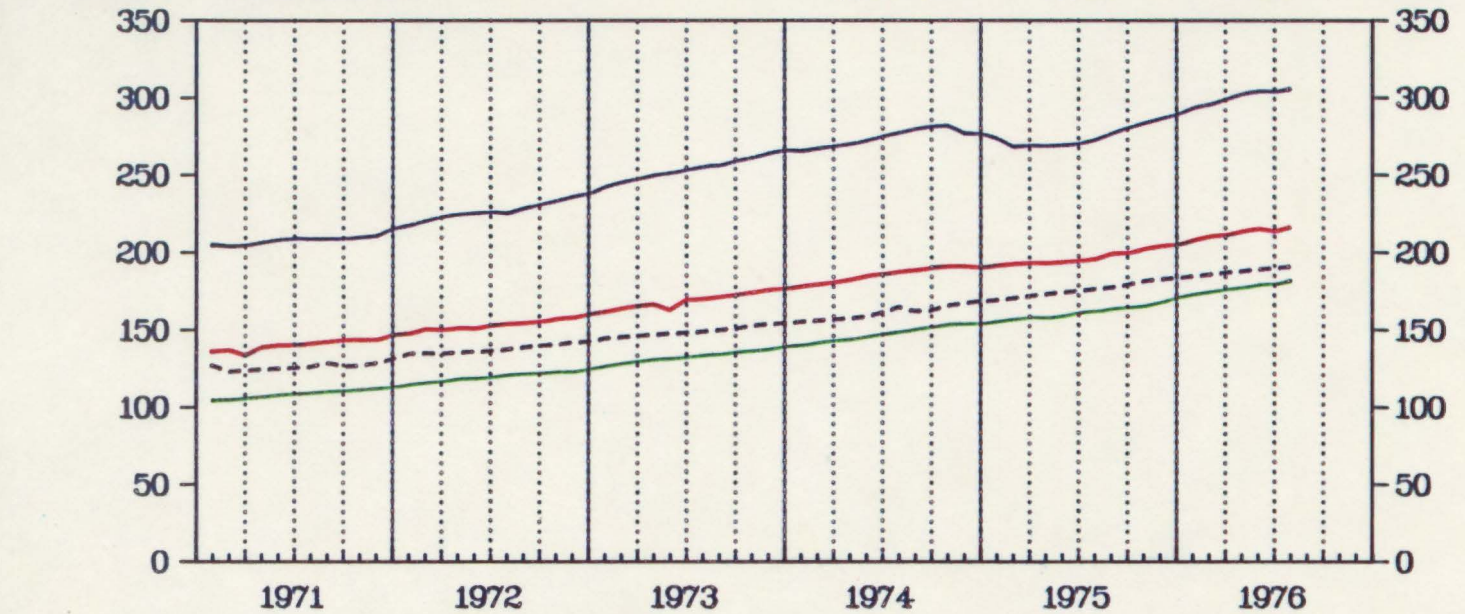


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
 30 August 1976

A.1.2—Total Wage and Salary Disbursements Components



	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Commodity-Producing Industries	\$305.4	0.7%	12.1%
Distributive Industries	\$215.2	1.3%	10.7%
Service Industries	\$180.1	1.4%	12.6%
Government - - -	\$190.5	0.5%	8.2%

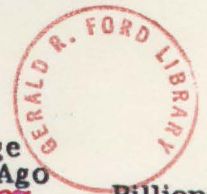


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
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- Total Personal Income rose \$13.9 billion (1.0 percent) in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,384.3 billion.
 - Largest gain since August 1974, when Personal Income rose at a \$15.5 billion pace.
- The big factors behind the July income spurt were a cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits and a large rise in wages and salaries.
 - Transfer Payments rose at a \$5.7 billion (3.1 percent) pace, led by a \$4.6 billion advance in Social Security payments.
 - Wages and Salaries increased \$8.1 billion (0.9 percent).
 - Payrolls in Commodity-Producing Industries increased \$2.0 billion, after remaining virtually unchanged in June.
 - Distributive Industry payrolls increased \$2.8 billion in July, following a \$1.5-billion June decline.
 - Payrolls in Service Industries rose \$2.4 billion, while Government payrolls were up \$0.9 billion.

A.1.3—Corporate Profits

Annual Rates



Billions
of Dollars

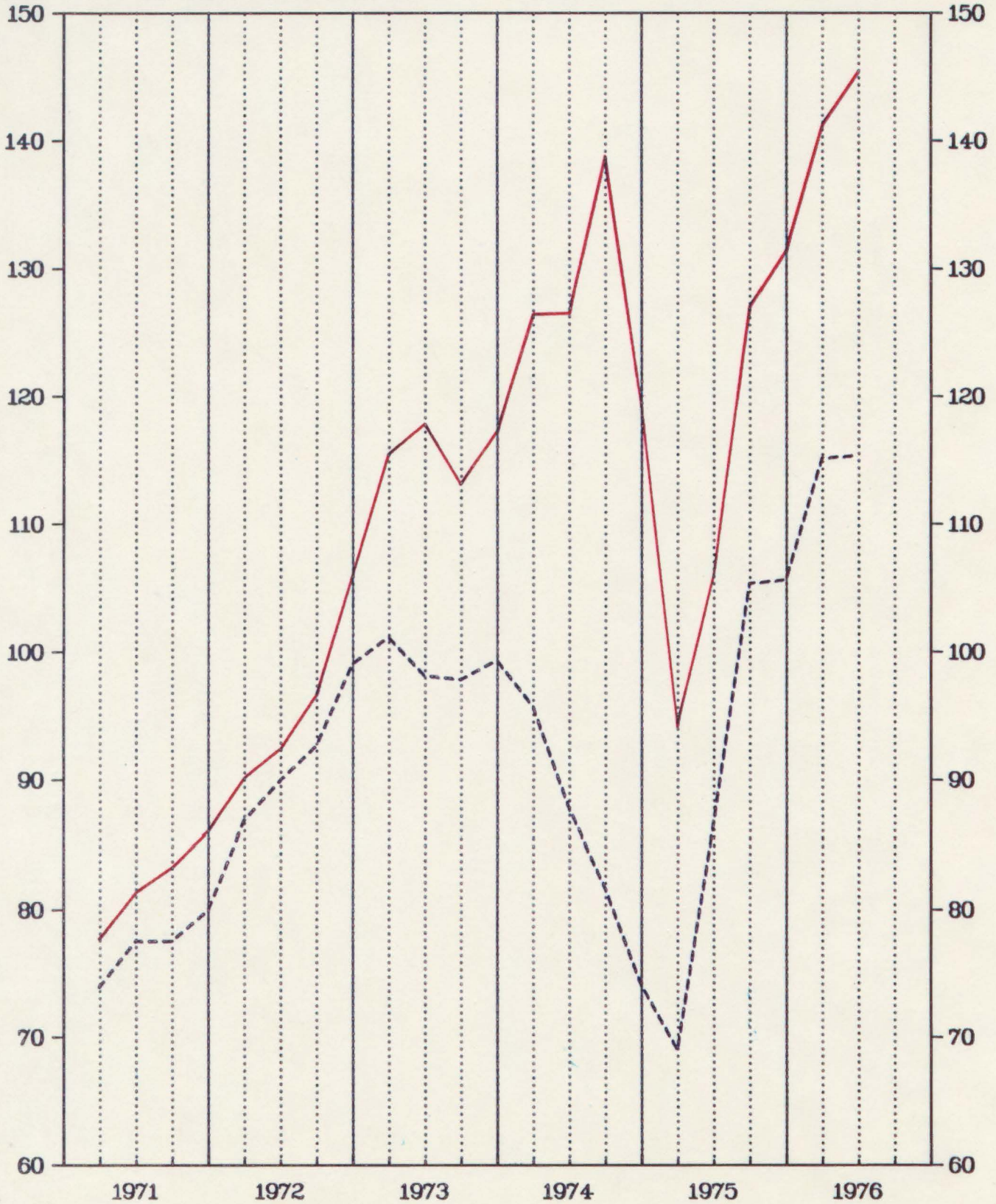
Book Profits Before Tax
Profits from Current Production

This
Period
\$145.3
\$115.3

Change
Last Per.
3.0%
0.2%

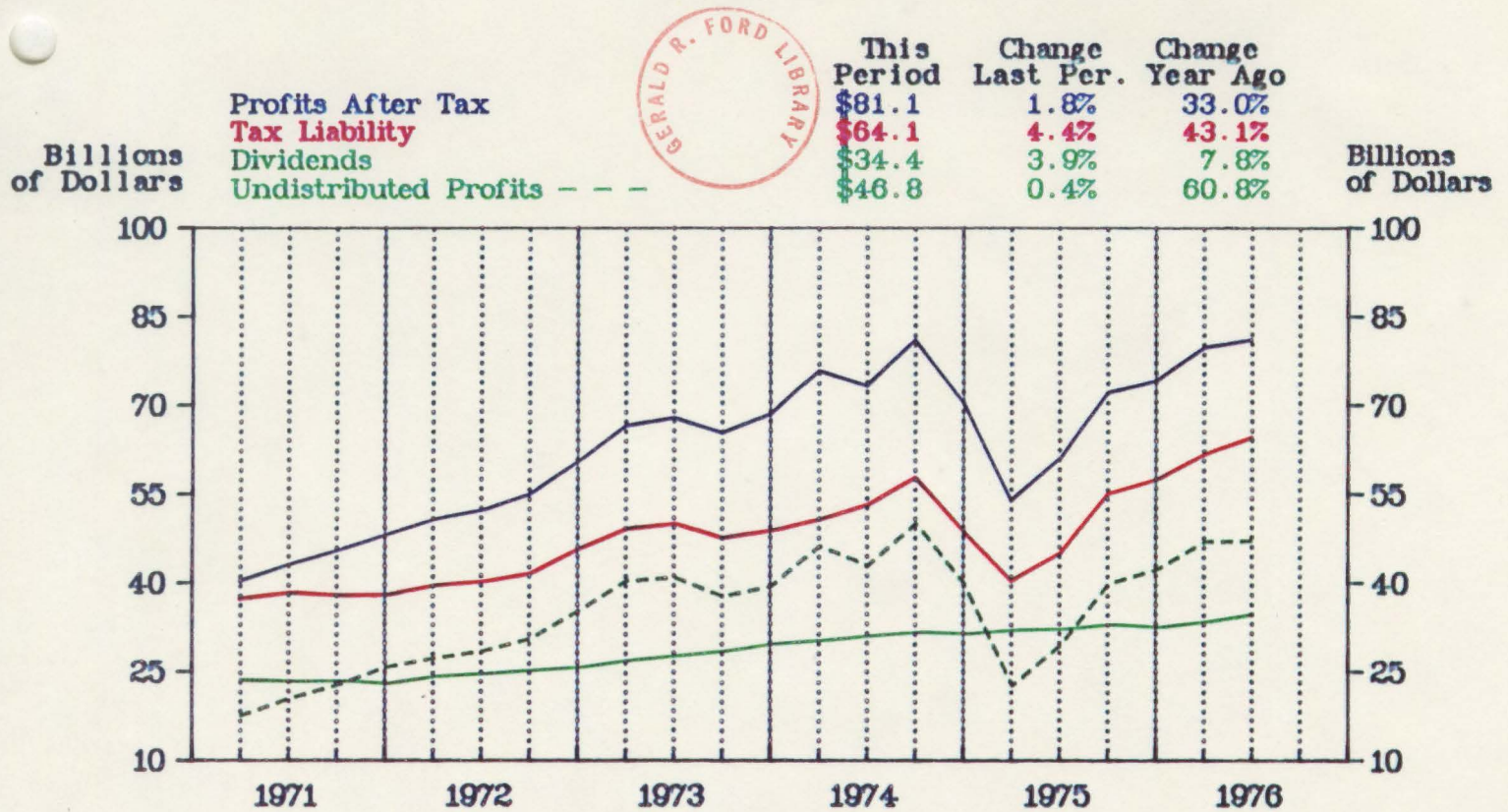
Change
Year Ago
38.3%
33.1%

Billions
of Dollars



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
30 August 1976

A.1.3—Components of Corporate Profits Annual Rates



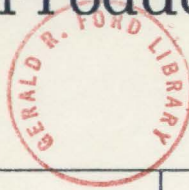
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
30 August 1976

- Book Profits Before Taxes rose \$4.2 billion to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$145.3 billion, the smallest increase since the current upturn began in the first quarter of 1975.
- After-Tax Profits rose \$1.4 billion to \$81.1 billion, compared to a \$5.6-billion rise in the previous quarter.
 - Dividends rose \$1.3 billion to \$34.4 billion.
 - Undistributed Profits were valued at \$46.8 billion, an increase of \$17.7 billion over a year ago.
- Profits Tax Liability increased to \$64.1 billion, a \$2.7-billion increase from the first quarter of 1975.
- Profits From Current Production edged up \$0.2 billion to a high of \$115.3 billion.

A.4.2—Weekly Production of Raw Steel

Thousands
of Tons

Production of Raw Steel

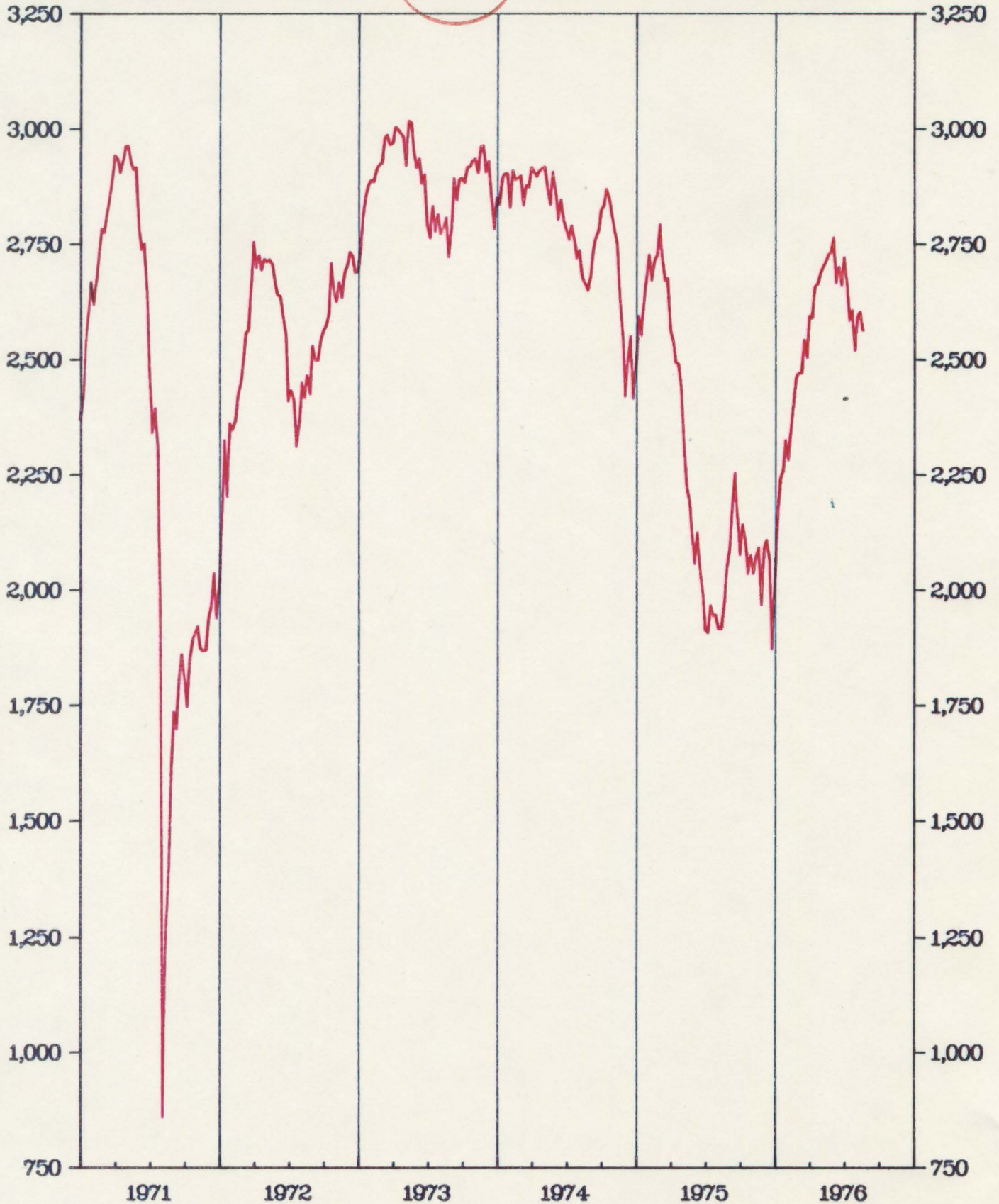


This
Period
2,529

Change
Last Per.
-1.2%

Change
Year Ago
28.9%

Thousands
of Tons



Source: American Iron and Steel Institute
30 August 1976



- Raw Steel Production edged down 1.2 percent during the week ended August 14, 1976.
- Despite the decline, 1976 production remains substantially above 1975 levels.

A.5.1-Exports and Imports

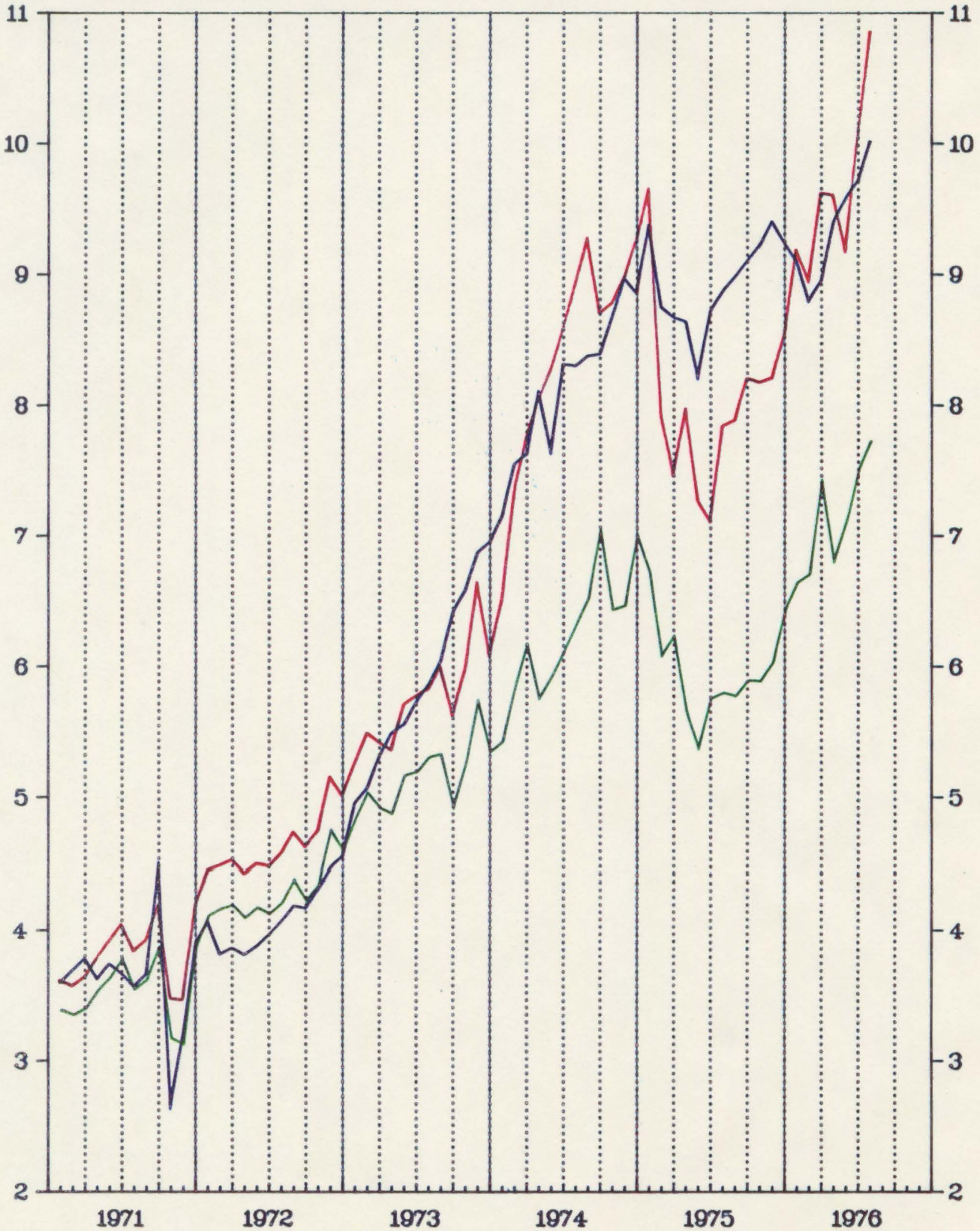


Total Exports
Total Imports
Imports Excluding Petroleum

	This Period	Change Last Per.	Change Year Ago
Total Exports	\$10.0	3.1%	11.2%
Total Imports	\$10.8	8.1%	38.5%
Imports Excluding Petroleum	\$7.7	3.0%	33.3%

Billions of Dollars

Billions of Dollars



Source: Bureau of the Census
 30 August 1976

A.5.1—Exports and Imports Excluding Military Assistance

Billions
of Dollars

Trade Balance

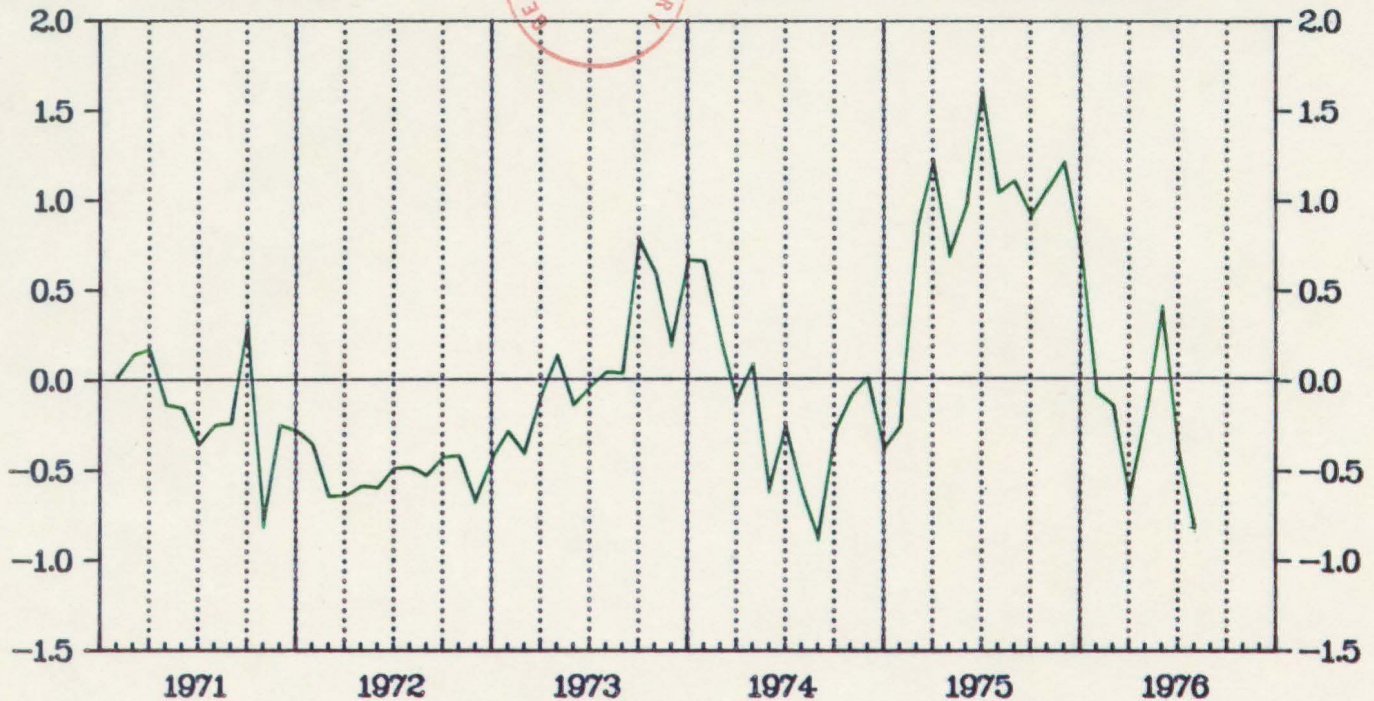


This
Period
-\$0.827

Change
Last Per.
\$0.450

Change
Year Ago
-\$1.888

Billions
of Dollars

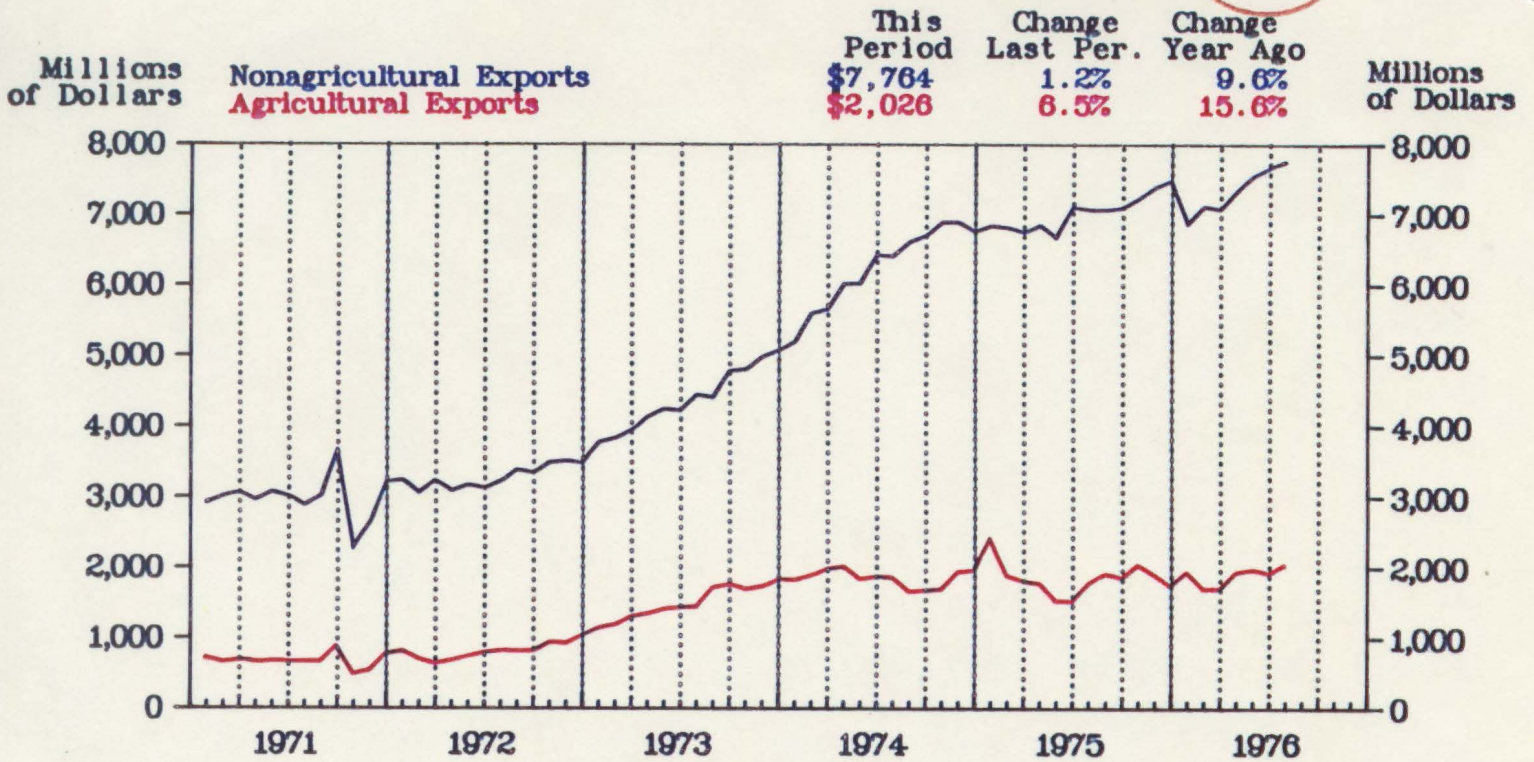


Source: Bureau of the Census
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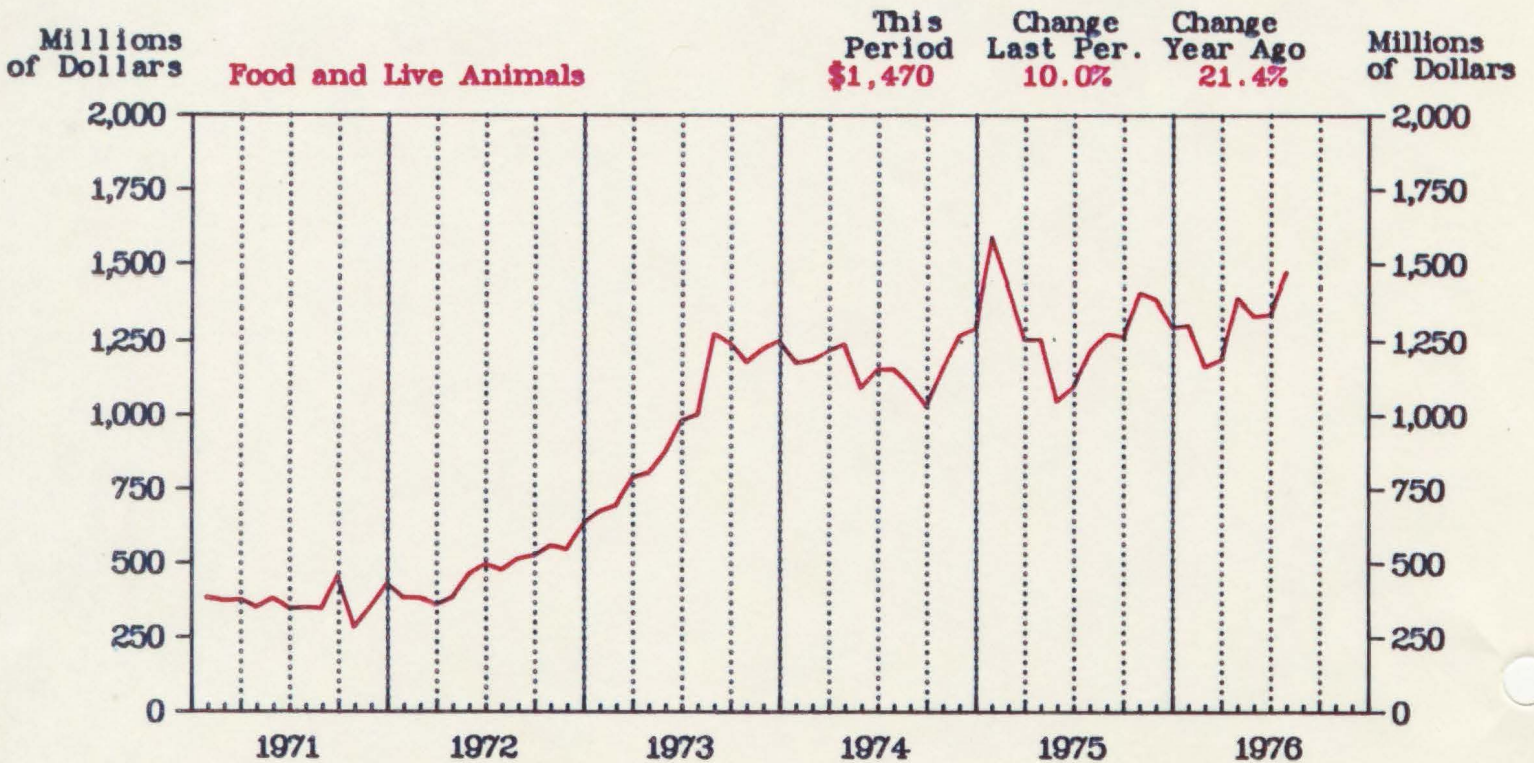
- Imports exceeded Exports by \$827 million in July, the largest trade deficit since August 1974.
- July Marks the sixth deficit in the last 7 months.
- Exports rose more in July, up \$306 million (3.1 percent) to a new high of \$10.0 billion.
- Imports reflecting a sharp increase in oil imports, rose \$810 million (8.1 percent) to \$10.8 billion.
- Imports Excluding Petroleum increased \$228 million (3.0 percent) to \$7.7 billion.

A.5.1-Exports

Domestic Nonagricultural and Agricultural Commodities



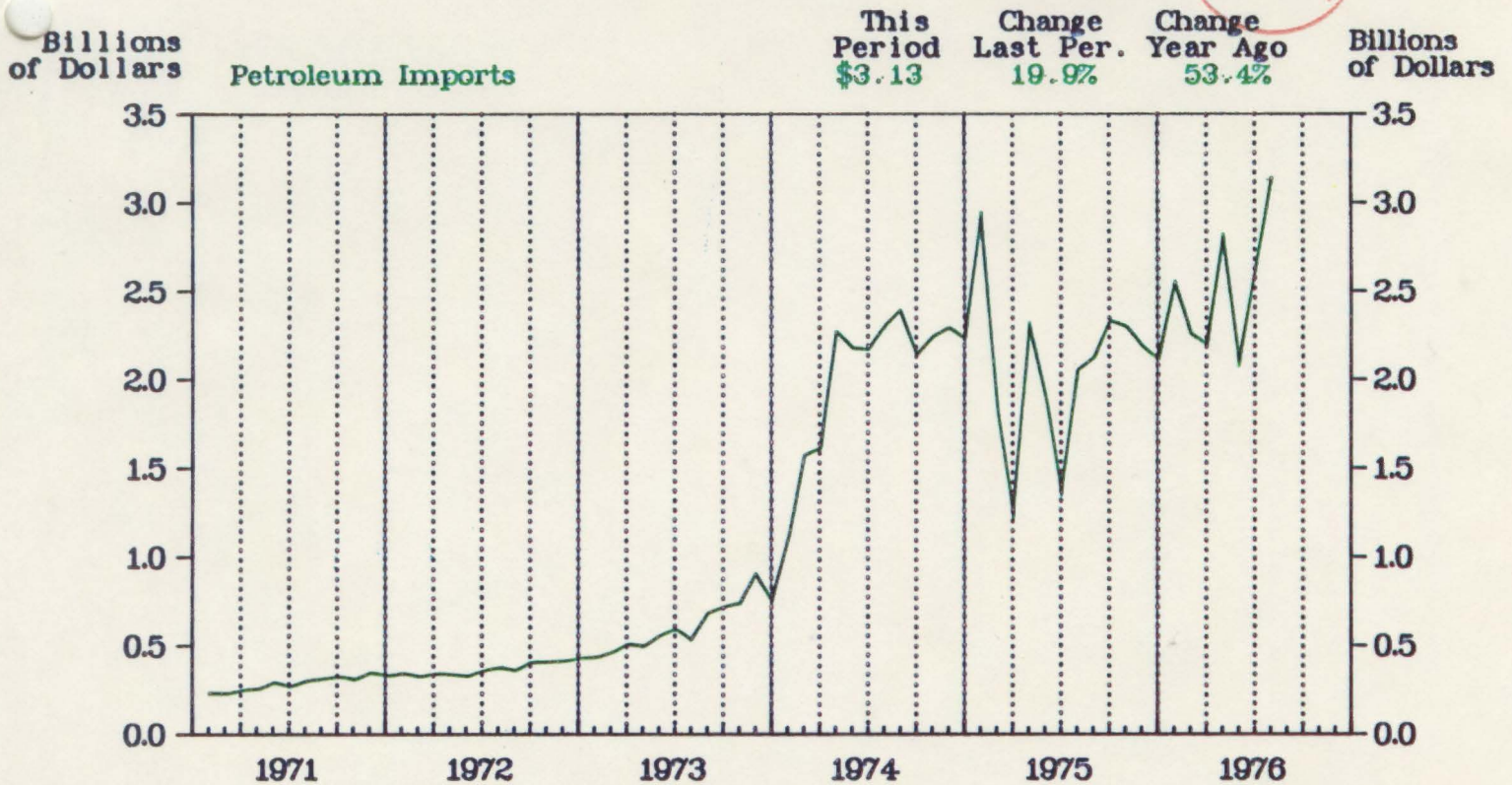
Selected Components of Agricultural Commodities



Source: Bureau of the Census
30 August 1976

A.5.1-Imports

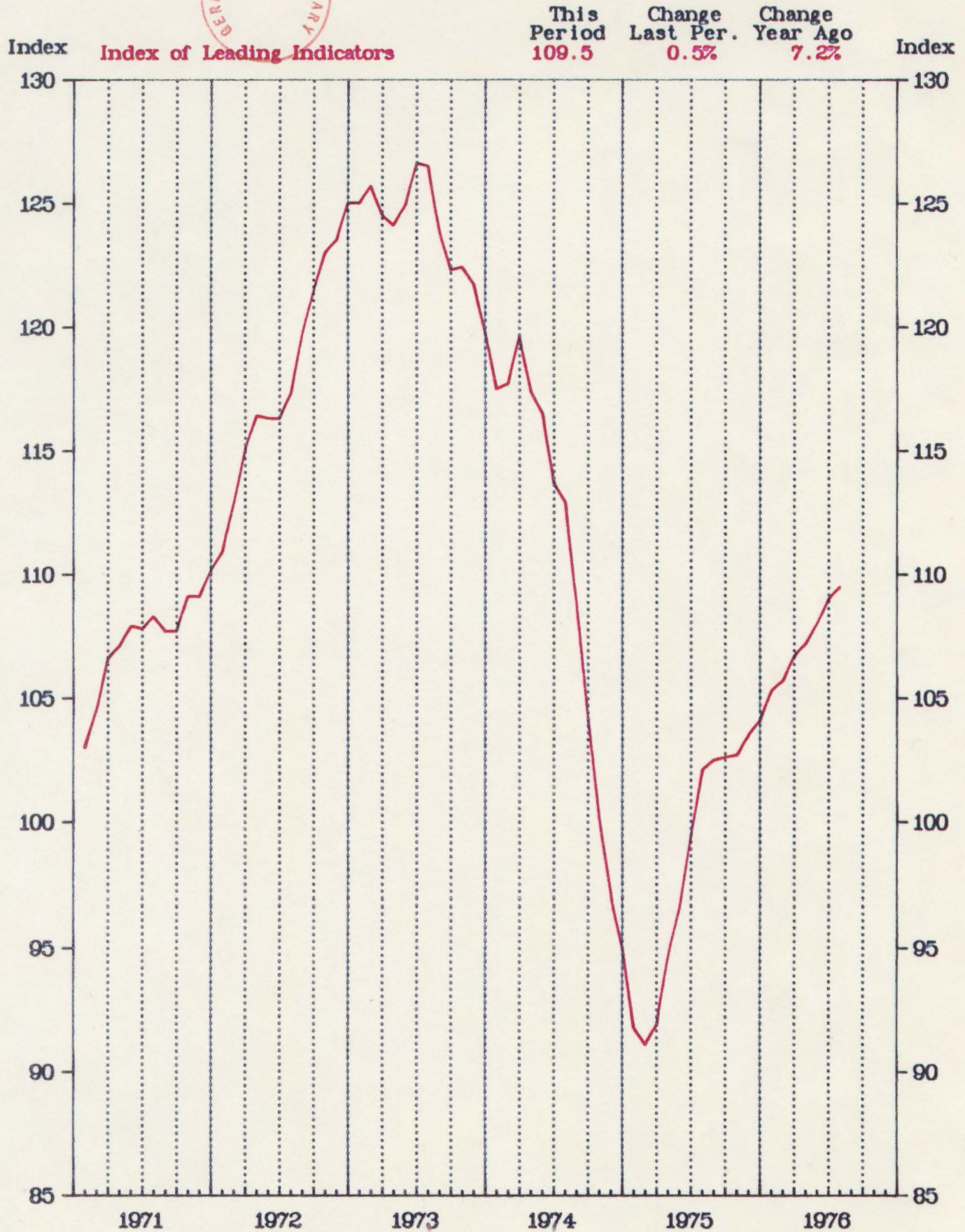
Petroleum and Petroleum Products



Source: Bureau of the Census
30 August 1976

- Exports of Nonagricultural Commodities rose \$91 million (1.2 percent) to \$7,764 million.
- Exports of Agricultural Commodities, led by Food and Live Animals, advanced \$123 million to a new peak of \$2,026 million.
 - Food and Live Animals rose \$133.5 million (10.0 percent) to \$1,470 million.
- Leading the July advance in Total Imports, Imports of Petroleum and Petroleum Products jumped \$520 million (19.9 percent) to a new high of \$3.13 billion.

A.11.1-Composite Index of Leading Indicators (1967=100)



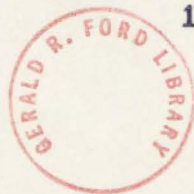
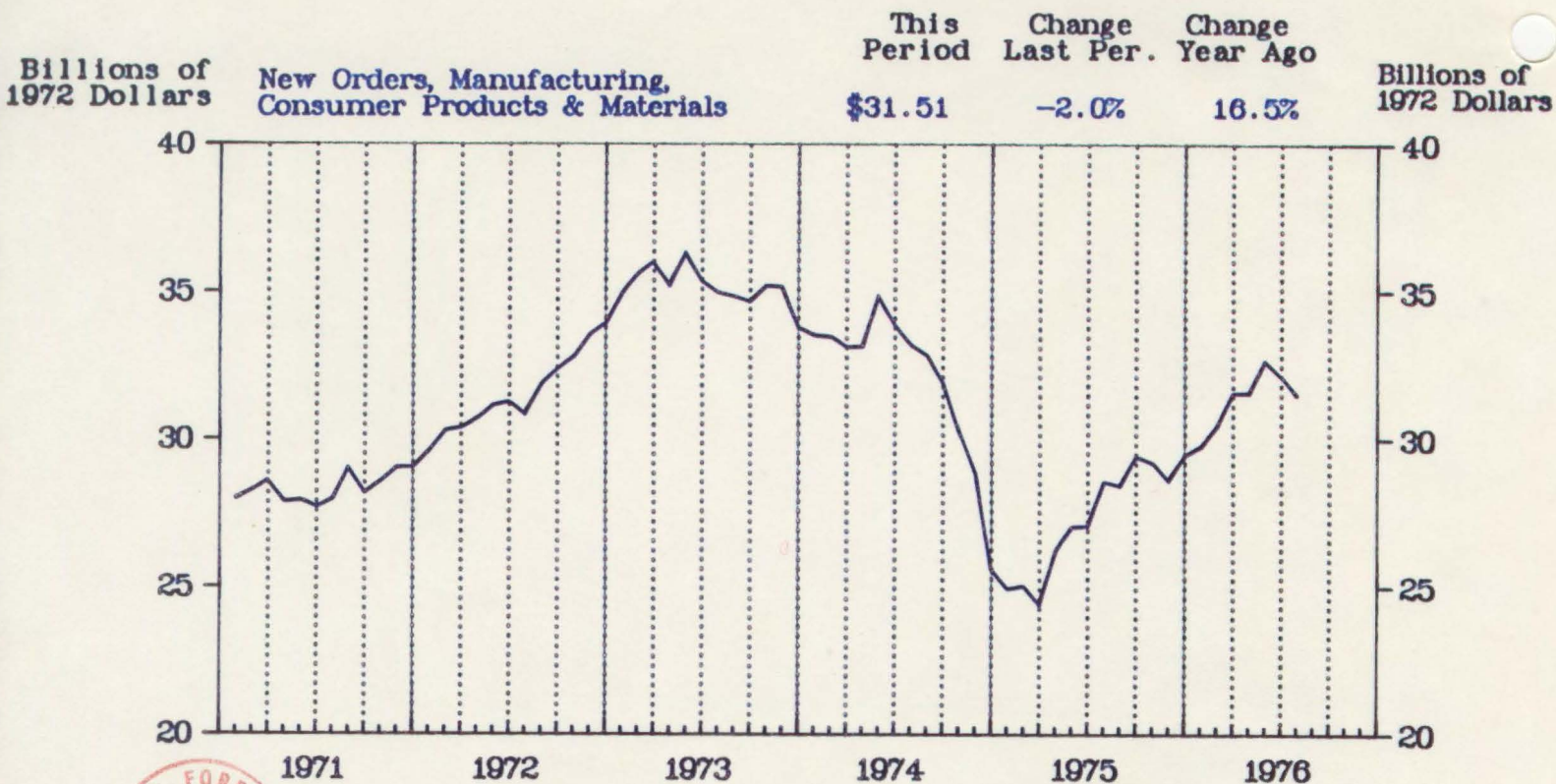
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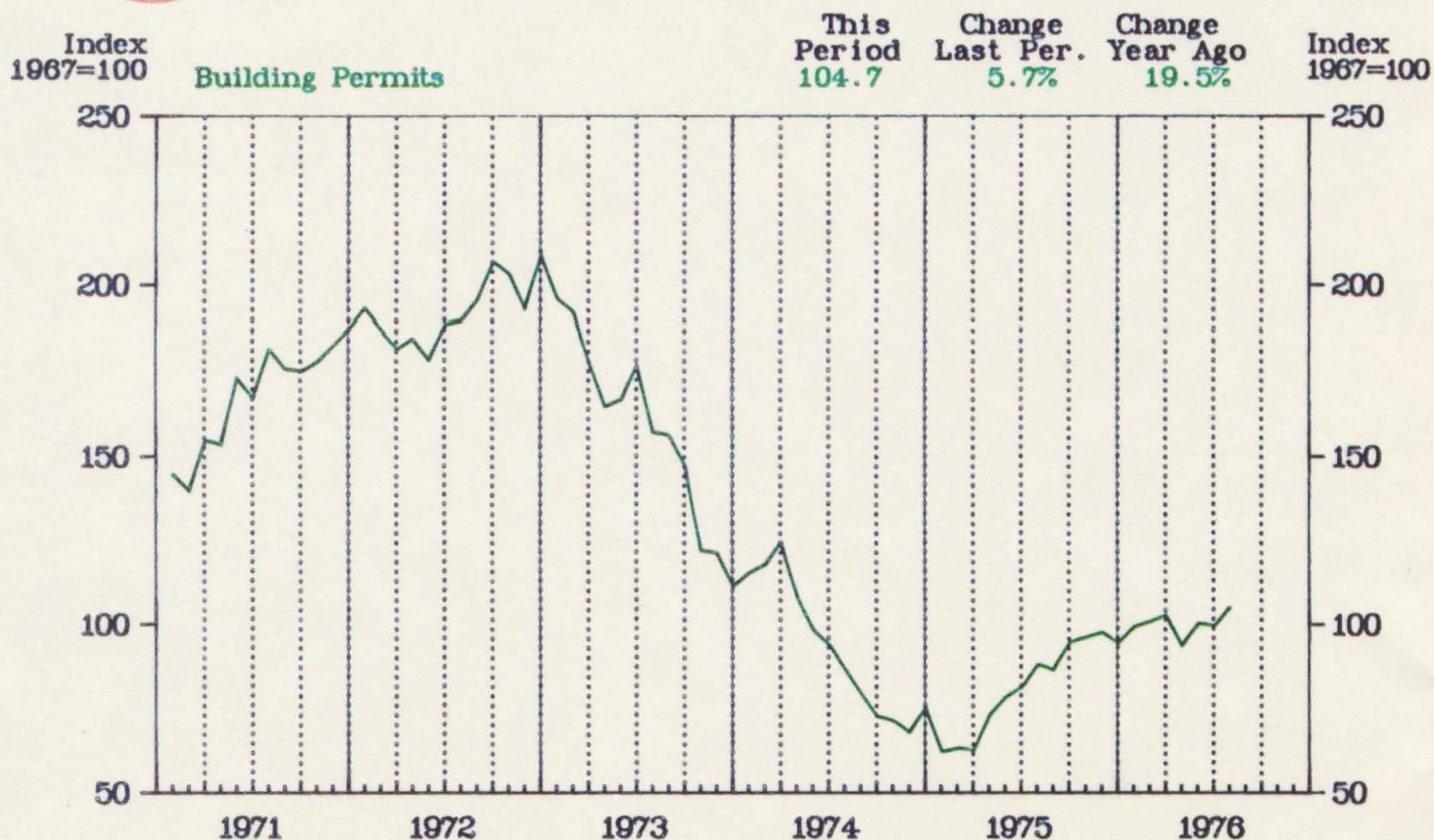
- According to preliminary data, the Composite Index of Leading Indicators rose 0.5 percent in July to 109.5.
 - Index has risen for 17 consecutive months, the longest stretch of uninterrupted rises since the 20-month period from December 1953 through July 1955.
- Six of the 11 available indicators that make up the index showed improvement, five moved in an unfavorable direction.
- The Index has climbed 19.3 percent since the February 1975 low of 91.8 and stands 13.5 percent below the June 1973 peak of 126.6

A.11.1—Composite Index of Leading Indicators

Selected Components



Selected Components



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

30 August 1976



- The decline in New Orders, had the largest negative influence on the Composite Index.
 - Declined for the second consecutive month, down 2.0 percent in July.
- The increase in Building Permits had the largest positive impact on the Index.
 - Rose 5.7 percent to its highest level since April 1974.
 - Has risen a total of 68.6 percent since March 1975.

B.8.2—Public Use of National Park System Visitations by Month

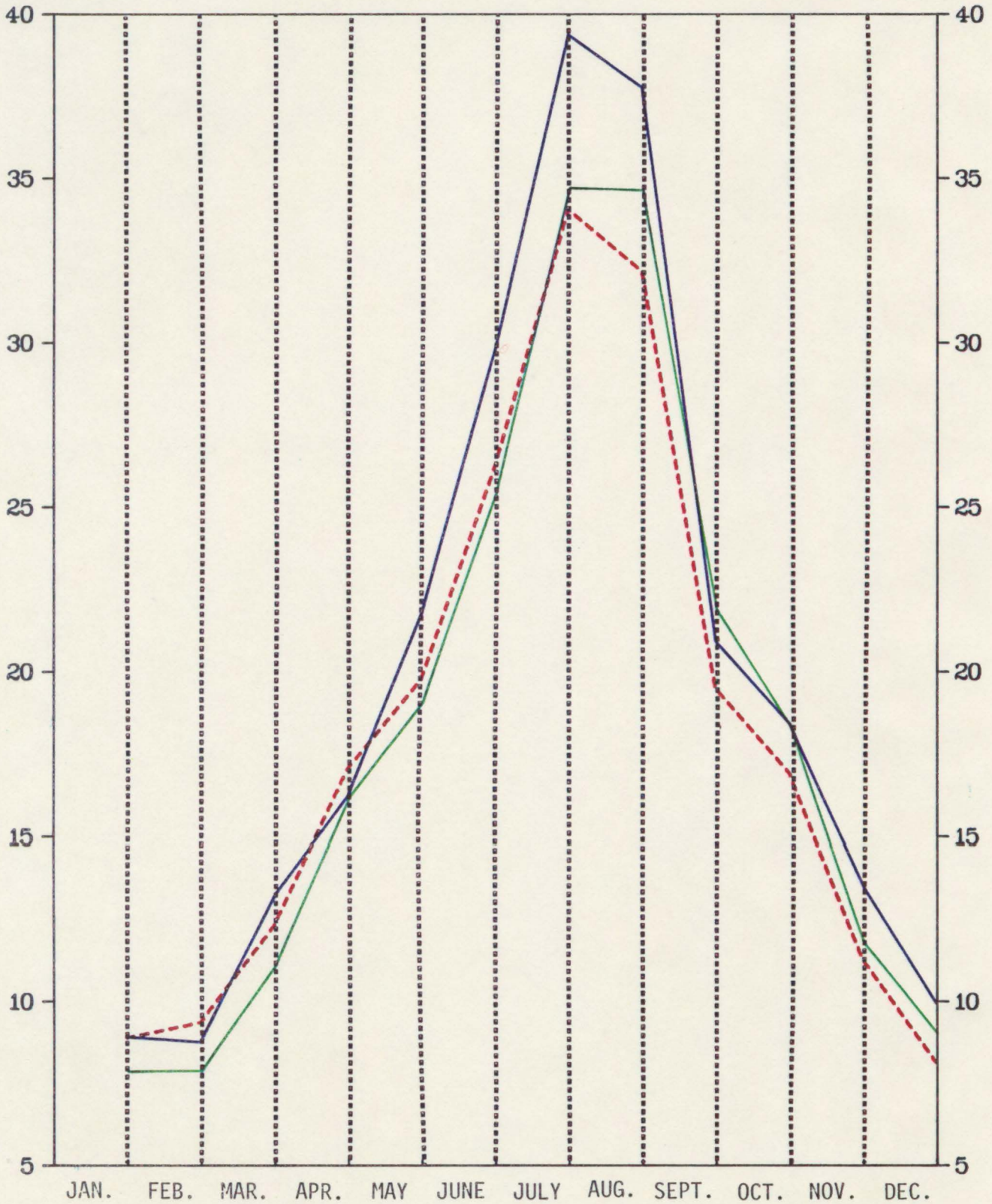


Millions
of Visits

1975
1973
1974

December
9.954
8.122
8.984

Millions
of Visits



Source: National Park Service
30 August 1976





- Visitation to National Park System areas increased substantially throughout 1975 following declines in 1973 and 1974 brought on by the energy crisis.
 - Total reported 1975 visitation increased by 21.4 million, or 9.8 percent, over the reported 1974 use.*
- Public use of National Park System facilities is characterized by highly divergent seasonal patterns, attributable primarily to weather variations and to traditional vacation patterns.
 - Most areas experience the largest number of users during the summer months, with nearly 50 percent of total annual recreational visitation occurring during June, July and August.

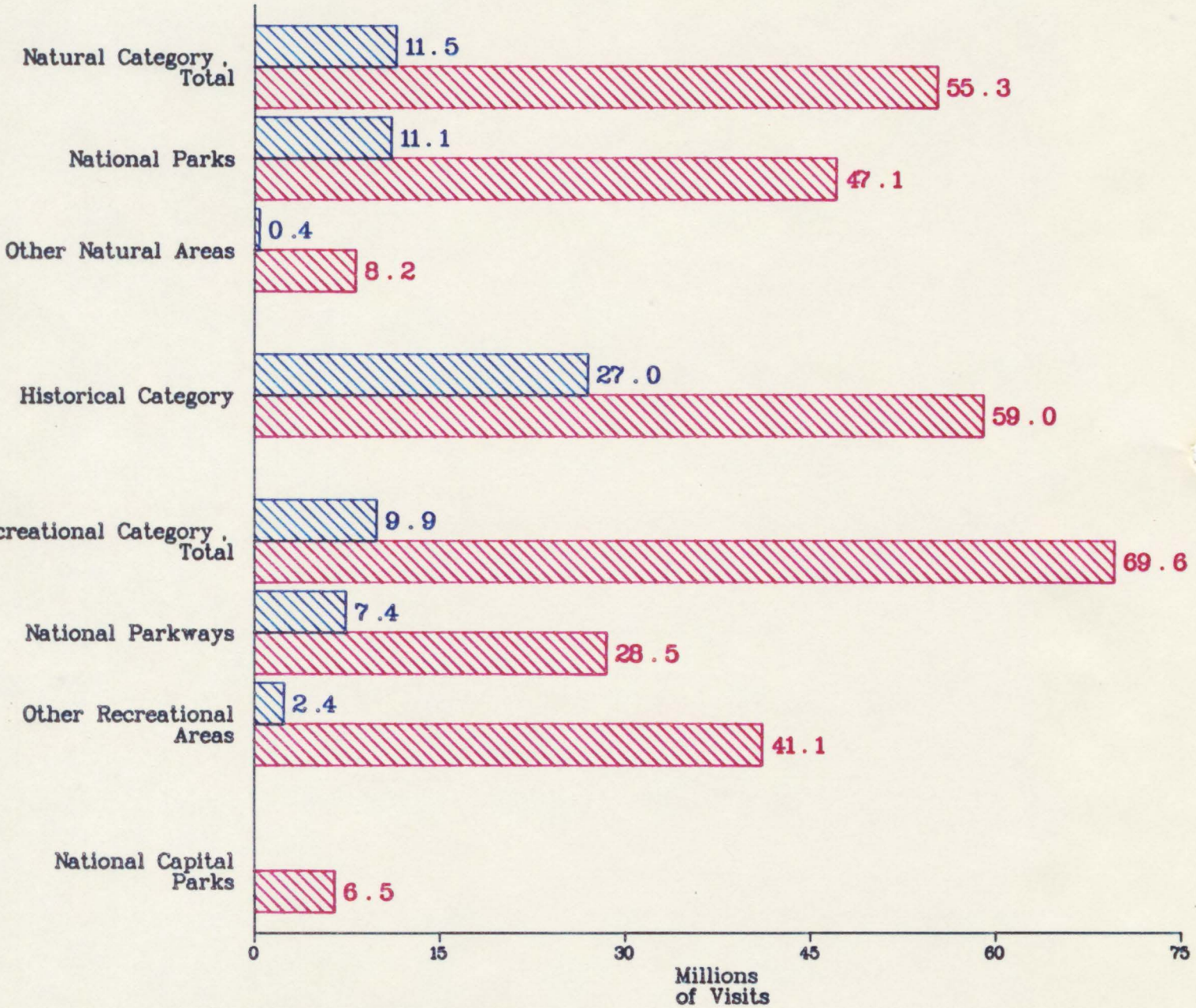
*NOTE: The aggregate comparison is somewhat distorted by changes in counting procedures at several parks and by addition of new areas' data. On an adjusted basis, visitation rose 7.5 percent between 1974 and 1975.

B.8. 2—Volume of Public Use: 1975

By Management Category

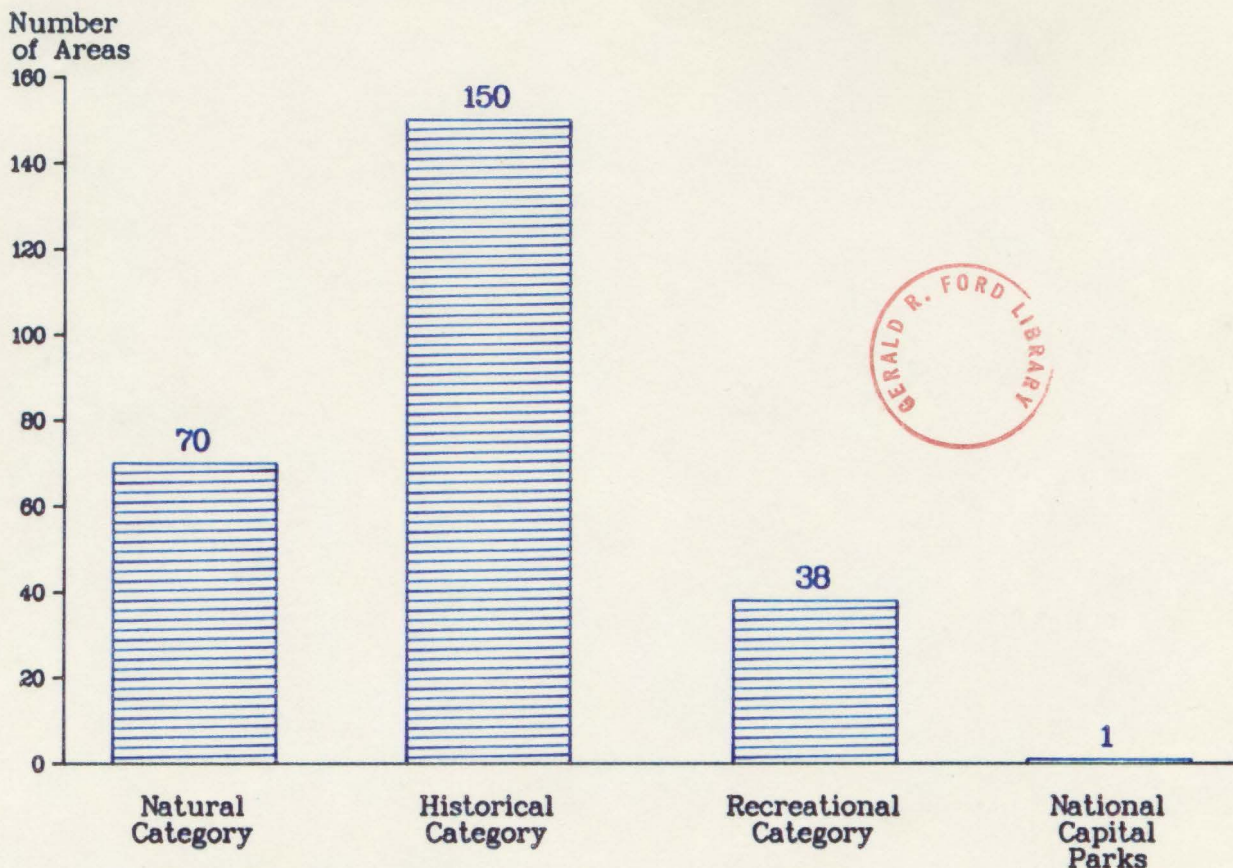


 Nonrecreational Visits
 Recreational Visits



Source: National Park Service
30 August 1976

B.8.2—National Park System Areas Reporting Public Use: 1975



Source: National Parks Service
30 August 1976

- Nearly 80 percent of all reported visits to National Park System areas were for recreational purposes. The remainder of the public use volume was generally attributable to commuters not using the areas as recreational facilities.
 - Areas in the recreational category reported the largest volume of public recreation visits—nearly 70 million.
 - Areas in the historic category ranked second, reporting 59 million recreational visits.
- Of the 259 National Park System areas reporting public use during 1975, more than half were in the historical category, including approximately 150 historic homes, battle fields and monumental structures.