of their performance over the past two decades, table 16 presents two sets of extrapolations. On the assumption that the basic economic indicators over the 1966–75 decade will show a slightly less buoyancy than that experienced between 1961–65, but will outperform the postwar 1944–54 period, it would be reasonable to expect that by 1975 the total loans and investments of commercial banks will range between $475 and $525 billion while their State and local government bond holdings will reach $100 to $115 billion. These projections are shown on chart A.

CHART A. MUNICIPALS AS A PROMOTION OF LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

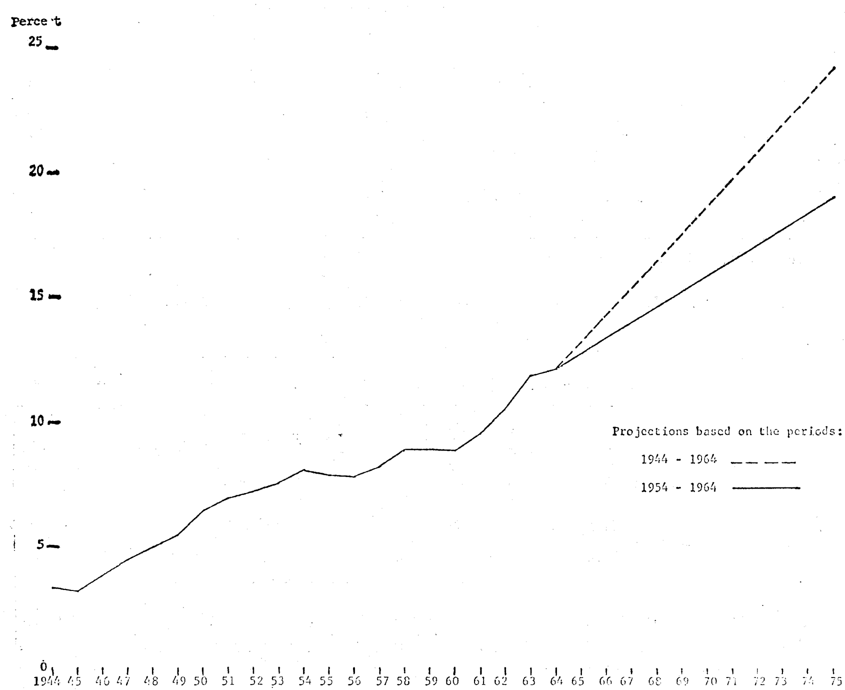

TABLE 16.—*Projections of loans and investments and State and local securities of commercial banks, 1975*

On the basis of performance in—	Loans and investments	State and local securities	Municipals as a proportion of loans and investments
	Billions	*Billions*	*Percent*
1944–64	$475	$115	24.2
1954–64	525	100	19.0