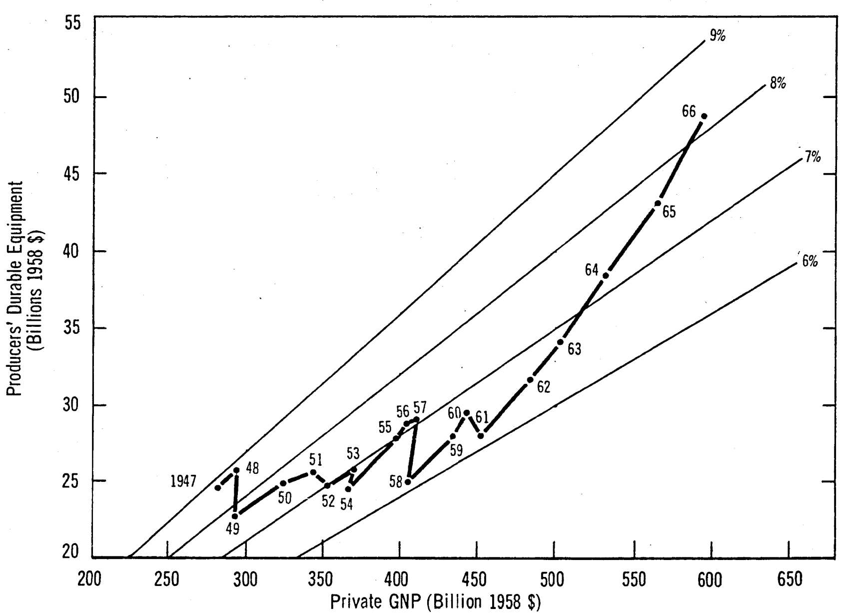
The investment boom stemmed from the exceptionally strong demand for producers' durable equipment; investment in real nonresidential structures as a ratio to real private GNP in 1966 was lower than in 1956 and 1957 and about in line with most of the other postwar years. These are shown in chart 2.

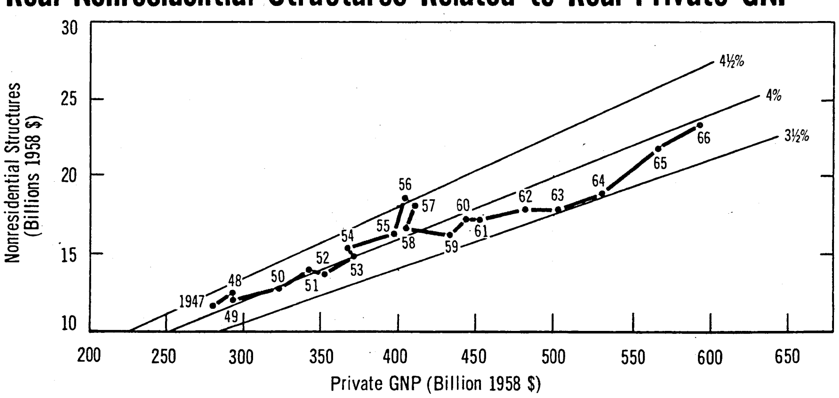
(Chart 2 follows:)

Chart 2

Real Producers' Durable Equipment Related to Real Private GNP



Real Nonresidential Structures Related to Real Private GNP



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