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Mr. BARASH. Mr. Nadler, let me interrupt you a moment.

One of the definitions of poverty for a family of four speaks in terms of about \$3,150 a year; and we have also been told that an average urban poor family spends about a third of its income on food. That would mean that the average poor family of four would spend approximately a thousand dollars a year on food.

You spoke just a moment ago of a 10-percent differential, at least as far as Kroger is concerned. This would amount, then, to about a hundred dollars that the poor inner-city family purchasing from Krogers, as alleged in your testimony, would have to pay, above what someone living in a particular suburb would have to pay.

In your experience in working in this field, how far would this hundred dollars carry a family of four, in terms of days or weeks or months, for purchasing food?

Mr. NADLER. Well, if they were spending about a thousand dollars a year for food, an additional hundred dollars would be an additional, about a month and a half almost.

I would like to go over the individual items for the three stores that we are dealing with.

The first group is the National Food Stores, and the five stores that we sampled there were a few items that did have different prices with the poverty area stores being the ones with the higher prices, and particularly those items, such things as flour. Five pounds of Gold Medal Flour was 59 cents in two of the poverty area stores and in the county stores it was 49 cents, the same item.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Why do you mention flour? Is that a staple item that has some special significance?

Mr. NADLER. It was one that had an extreme difference, a higher percentage of variation than most of the other items, but it is an important item for most households, it did appear on our list which was obtained from several hundred women who were questioned.

I'd like to flash the prices for the A-G stores. While they are a little difficult to see, the circled items include some of these differences.

Mr. COPENHAVER. Mr. Nadler, before you go on to the A-G stores, with regard to National, did you find any items which were lower priced in the poverty areas stores than in the more wealthy areas?

Mr. NADLER. There were some items. The items, however, did not carry as much of a percentage difference as this did. Let's see if I can find—as a matter of fact, there was no item in the poverty area stores that was cheaper. In most cases the prices are the same as the items in the outlying areas, for National, that is. I believe you have these charts up there also.

The A-G stores, here are some of the extreme items that we found some extreme differences.

Mayrose 1-pound hot dogs, 59 cents in two of three stores; 69 cents in Kinloch.

Chicken, 23 cents a pound to 29 cents a pound at Kinloch.

Canned corn, Del Monte, 1 pound, 29 cents at Vincent's; 28 cents at Kinloch; 25 cents in University City.

Canned peas, the same story.

Frozen peas, no, sorry——