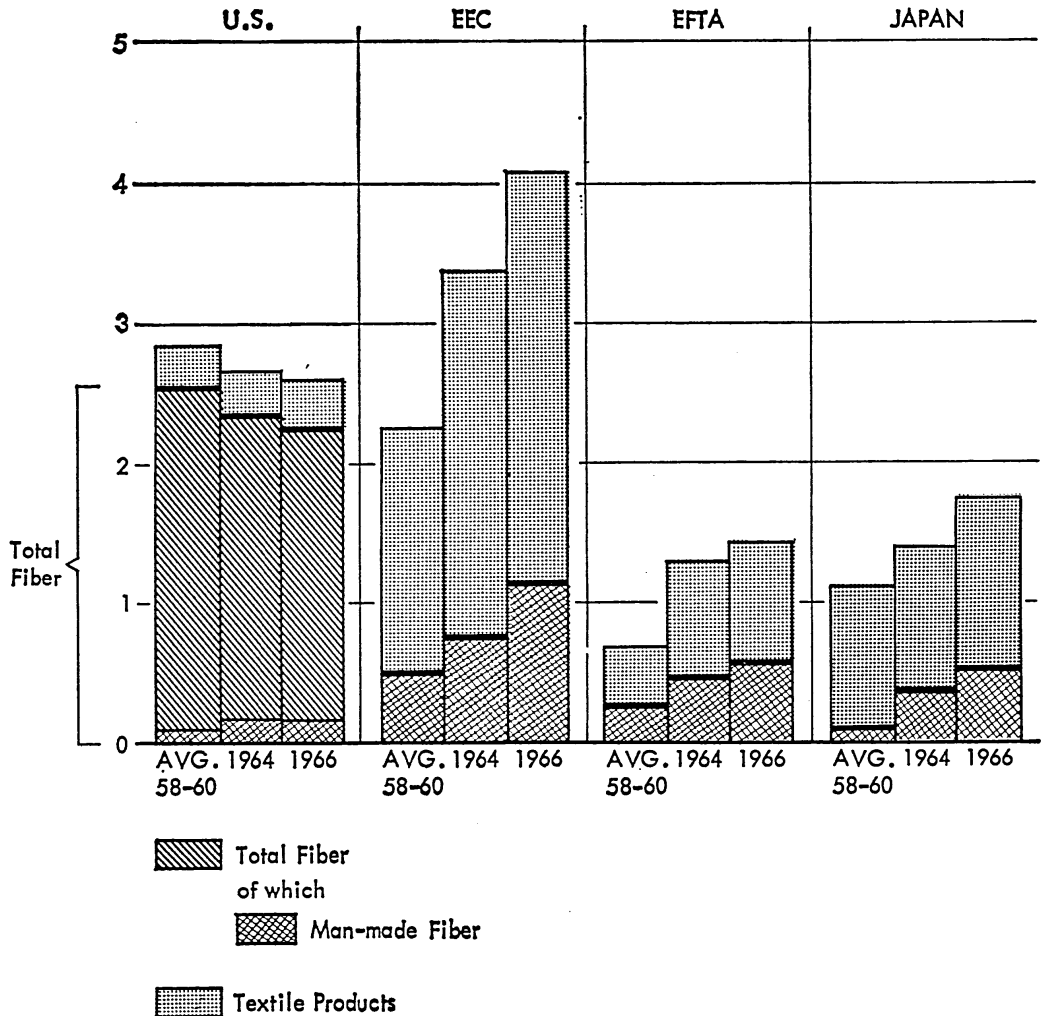


ports by these nations of textile products, semifinished and finished, changed as follows: EEC, up 68 percent, EFTA, up 100 percent; Japan up 18 percent; United States, up 1 percent. (App. table 8.)

Chart 4 illustrates this decline in the U.S. position in textile material exports.

Chart 4

EXPORTS BY UNITED STATES, EEC, EFTA, and JAPAN
OF TEXTILE MATERIALS, 1958-1966
(In Billions of Pounds of Fiber or Fiber Equivalent)



Source: Appendix Table 16 & 17

With respect to this chart, note that U.S. cotton fiber exports, obviously an important world commodity, which must be maintained on our own domestic market through the assistance of Government price-support programs, have consistently represented an amount equal to more than 80 percent of our total textile materials exports during the observed period. Conversely, at the same time, our exports of textile products—semifinished and finished manufactures—amounted to less