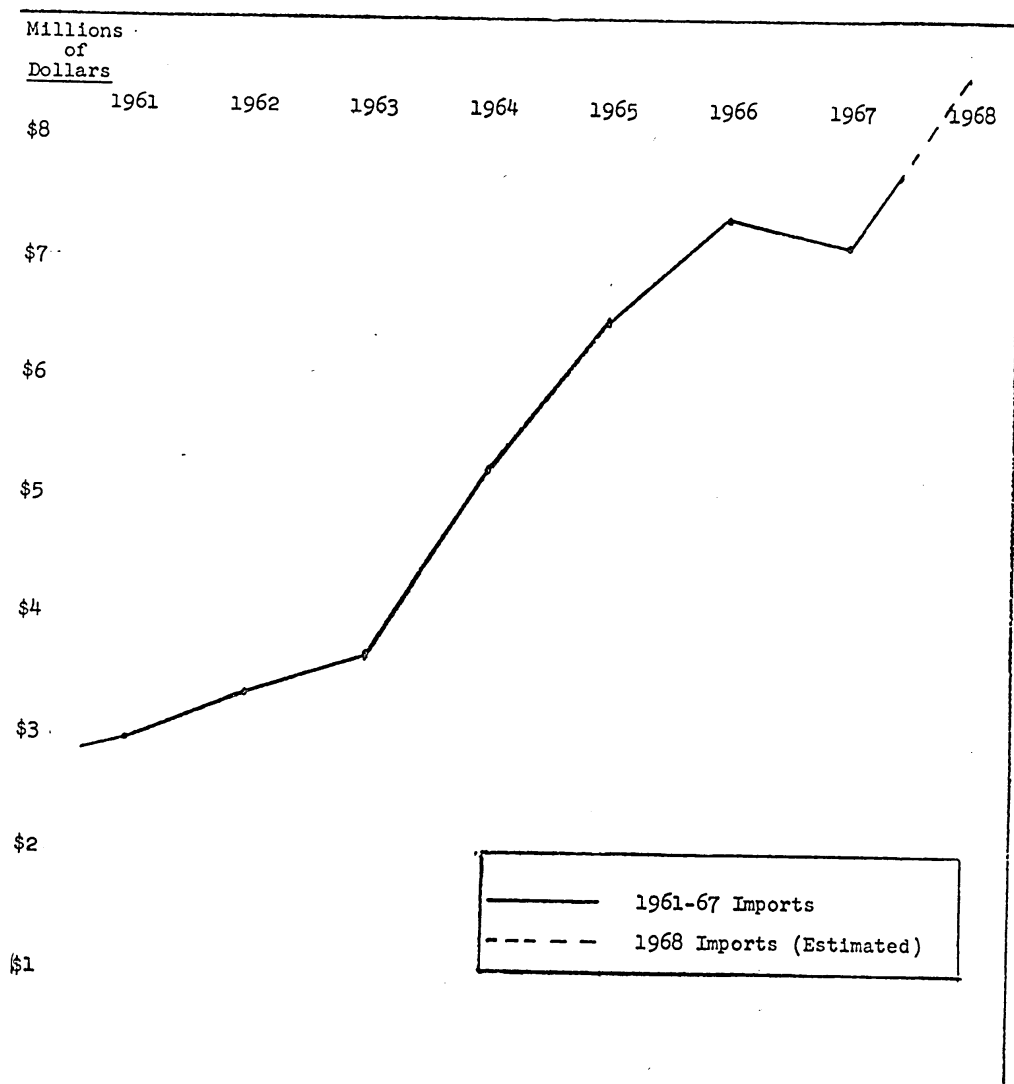


Figure 1

1961-67 IMPORTS OF CHAIN FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF POWER - ALL COUNTRIES
(TSUS Items 652.12; 652.15 and 652.18)



Imports of sprocket chain from Japan have climbed at an even more alarming rate. As appears from Table II below and from Figure 2 on the following page, by 1966 the dollar value of such imports had increased to 384% of their 1961 level, or by more than \$2.8 million. Reflecting the pattern of sprocket chain imports from all countries, imports of sprocket chain from Japan declined slightly in 1967 but continued their long-term upward movement in 1968. We expect imports of sprocket chain from Japan to reach a new high in 1968, exceeding \$4.5 million, or 450% of 1961 levels.

TABLE II.—ANNUAL IMPORTS OF CHAIN UNDER TSUS ITEMS 652.12, 652.15, AND 652.18—JAPAN

	Value of imports	Percent of 1961 level
1961.....	\$1, 000, 000	100
1962.....	1, 350, 000	135
1963.....	1, 632, 000	163
1964.....	2, 274, 000	227
1965.....	2, 944, 000	294
1966.....	3, 845, 000	384
1967.....	3, 505, 000	350
1968 ¹	4, 509, 000	451

¹ Estimated figures, based on actual figures for the 1st 5 months.