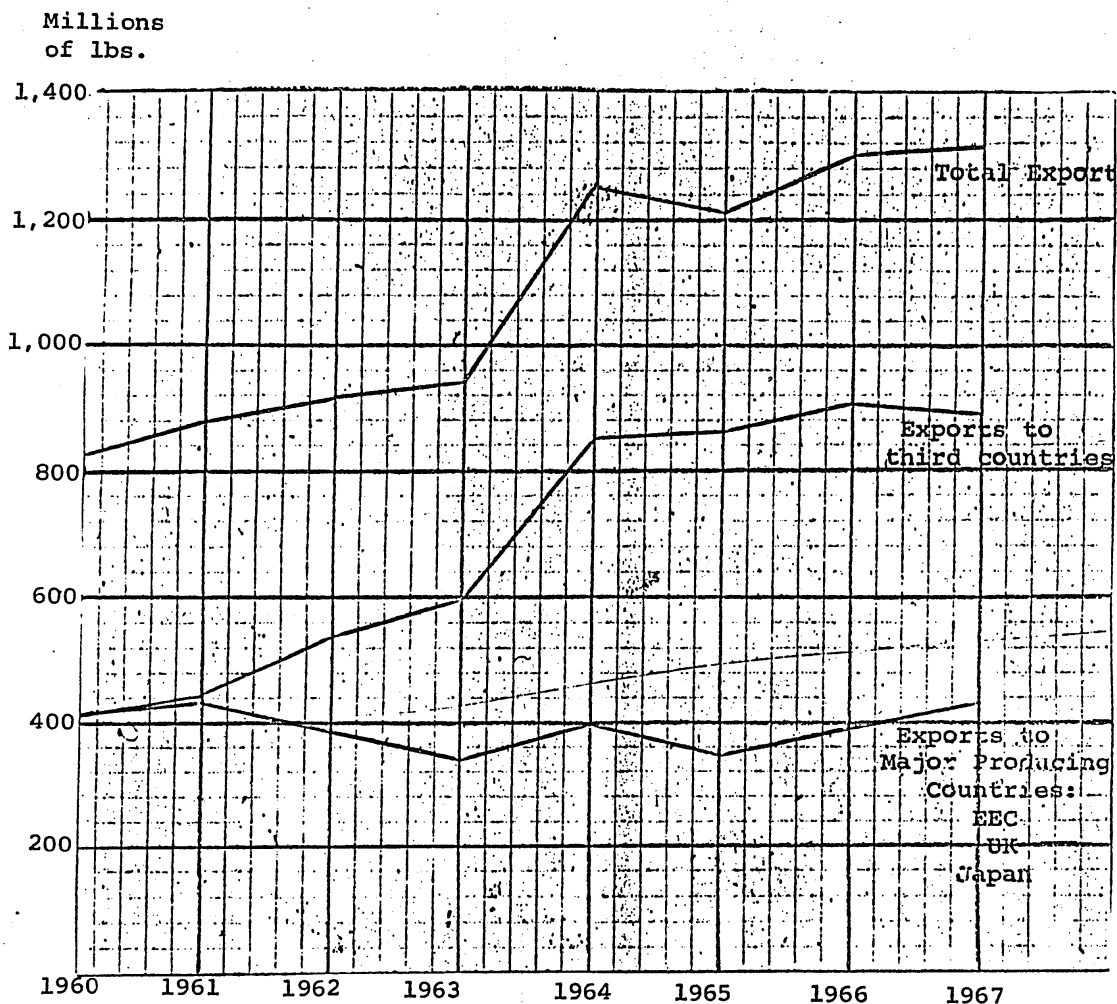


Chart 1

U. S. Exports of Plastics and Resins*

* For basic data, see Table 4 above.

B. PLASTIC PRODUCTS

The largest sector of the plastics industry, numerically, is made up of those companies and individuals who process or manufacture plastic raw materials into products, or who engineer and construct molds, accessory equipment, or machinery used in plastic material fabrication. The products of this large and diverse sector of the industry are more difficult to aggregate and analyze than are the products of the plastic materials sector described in preceding Section A.

In fabrication, plastic materials are used as products or component parts of many other major industries, among the most important being as follows:

- Military equipment.
- Construction.
- Transportation equipment.
- Communications.
- Electrical and electronic equipment.
- Packaging.
- Appliances.
- Furniture and furnishings.
- Coatings.
- Housewares.
- Toys.