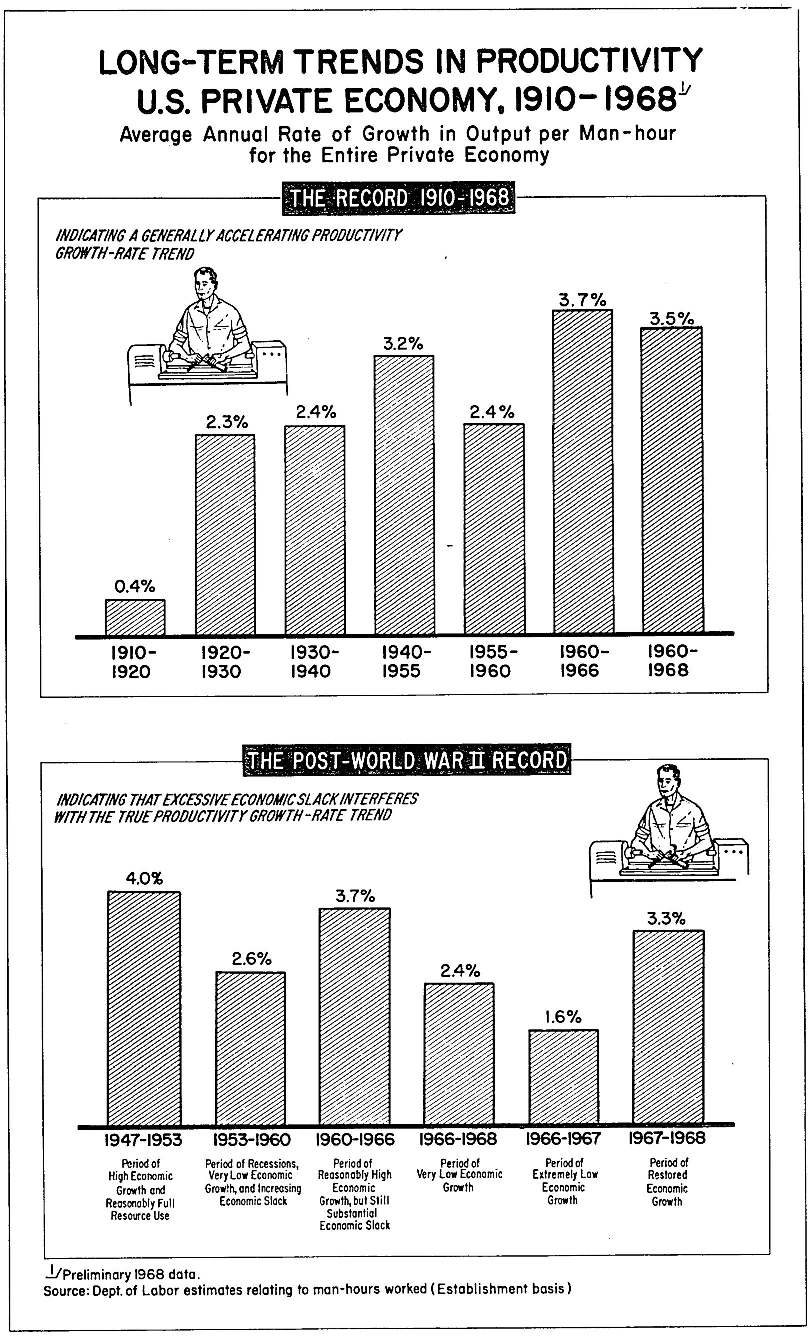
Chart 2


LONG-TERM TRENDS IN PRODUCTIVITY
U.S. PRIVATE ECONOMY, 1910–1968 1/
Average Annual Rate of Growth in Output per Man-hour
for the Entire Private Economy
THE RECORD 1910-1968
INDICATING A GENERALLY ACCELERATING PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH-RATE TREND
0.4%
2.3%
2.4%
3.2%
2.4%
3.7%
3.5%
1910-1920
1920-1930
1930-1940
1940-1955
1955-1960
1960-1966
1960-1968
THE POST-WORLD WAR II RECORD
INDICATING THAT EXCESSIVE ECONOMIC SLACK INTERFERES WITH THE TRUE PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH-RATE TREND
4.0%
2.6%
3.7%
2.4%
1.6%
3.3%
1947-1953
Period of High Economic Growth and Reasonably Full Resource Use
1953-1960
Period of Recessions, Very Low Economic Growth, and Increasing Economic Slack
1960-1966
Period of Reasonably High Economic Growth, but Still Substantial Economic Slack
1966-1968
Period of Very Low Economic Growth
1966-1967
Period of Extremely Low Economic Growth
1967-1968
Period of Restored Economic Growth
1/ Preliminary 1968 data.
Source: Dept. of Labor estimates relating to man-hours worked (Establishment basis)