SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

FORM 11-K For the Period Ending December 31, 1997

Commission File Number

PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Full name of Registrant:Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of Federated Department Stores, Inc. 7 West Seventh Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (513) 579-7000

PART II RULE 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate.)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- X (b) The subject annual report on Form 11-K will be filed on or before the 15th calendar day following the prescribed due date.

PART III NARRATIVE

The required financial information has not yet been fully compiled.

PART IV OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification.

Padma Tatta Cariappa (513) 579-7573 (Name) (Area Code) (Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes X No

The Executive Deferred Compensation Plan of Federated Department Stores, Inc. has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 31, 1998 By: /s/ Ronald W. Tysoe
Ronald W. Tysoe, Member
Pension and Profit Sharing Committee
Federated Department Stores, Inc.