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Poll Says 63% Feel

White House Not Frank

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NEW YORK — (AP) — Pollster Louis Harris said yesterday that 63 percent of Americans feel the White House has not been "frank and honest on the Watergate affair," and has withheld important information about it.

Nine percent disagreed with that assesment, and the rest had no opinion. 28%

President Nixon's own overall rating slipped nine points, from 59 percent posi-

tive in March down to 50 percent positive last week, Harris said.

The survey was taken among a national cross-section of 1537 households from April 18 to 23. On April 17, Nixon announced there had been "major developments" in the case and promised White House aides would cooperate with Senate investigators.

Nixon's rating for "inspiring confidence personally"

also fell off sharply. It moved from 48 positive in February to 33 now. The negative percentage in February was 42 and now 53.

When asked if they thought Nixon knew about the Watergate bugging of Democratic headquarters, 32 percent said yes, up from 16 percent who felt that way last October. Only 34 percent said they did not think Nixon knew of the plan,