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President Nixon's rating for over-all handling of the presidency has risen five points in the latest Harris poll, with 31 per cent of those questioned marking him as good-to-excellent.

He was called fair-to-poor by 66 per cent and three per cent said they were not sure.

On inspiring confidence, only 15 per cent called him good-to-excellent, 78 per

cent said he was fair-to-poor and seven per cent were not sure.

The latest polling was conducted between March 24 and 29 in a national cross-section of 1495 households. The polling followed Mr. Nixon's stepped-up television appearances, but came before the Internal Revenue Service ruled that Nixon owed \$465,000 in back income taxes and interest.

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