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# A report Nixon has paid tax

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WASHINGTON — As the 60-day extension for President Nixon to file his 1973 federal income tax return expired yesterday, his accountant said the return had been filed within the past several weeks.

Earlier in the day, the White House declined to say if the return had been filed or another extension sought.

But in a telephone interview, Nixon's accountant in Los Angeles, Arthur Blech, said that he "had prepared the President's returns and they have been filed within the last several weeks." He said the returns were filed "through regular channels — there are channels set up

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for filing the President's returns."

Blech said he did not know why the White House was refusing to confirm or deny that the returns were filed.

The President got an extension from the normal April 15 filing date after an Internal Revenue Service audit of his 1969-72 returns forced major changes in the way returns were computed for the President by his tax advisers.

The IRS determined that President Nixon had underpaid his taxes by \$432,787 for the four years.

Interest on the amounts due for 1970-72 ran the President's bill past \$465,000.

The White House will not say if his 1973 return will be made public.