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Bob:

Jody and Jerry do not think that the President needs to deal with this issue, and suggest that you handle it.

Rick Hutcheson
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
July 31, 1978  

Jody Powell  
Jerry Rafshoon  

Please work this out with Bob. I doubt the President needs to bother with this personally.  

Rick Hutcheson
DATE: 31 JUL 78

FOR ACTION: JODY POWELL       JERRY RAFSHOON

INFO ONLY: ANNE WEXLER       MIDGE COSTANZA

SUBJECT: LIPSHUTZ MEMO RE THE CIRCUMNAVIGATORS CLUB - PRESIDENT CARTER AS ITS HONORARY CHAIRMAN

RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052)

BY:

ACTION REQUESTED:

STAFF RESPONSE: ( ) I CONCUR. ( ) NO COMMENT. ( ) HOLD.

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ROBERT LIPSHUTZ
SUBJECT: The Circumnavigators Club -- President Carter as its Honorary Chairman

This matter recently was brought to my attention for the first time as a result of correspondence which pointed out that this club excludes women as members. Apparently, that exclusionary policy came to light when a Ms. Naomi James applied for membership, having completed a solo around the world in the record time of 272 days.

I wish to recommend that you resign as the Honorary Chairman of the group for two reasons:

1. Its exclusionary policy as to women; and

2. Your general policy of accepting only a very limited number of designations as honorary president or honorary chairman; in this case, you accepted the request very shortly after your election and before assuming office.

If you agree with this recommendation, your resignation as Honorary Chairman can be indicated either by a personal letter from you or perhaps a letter from me on your behalf. I am attaching a suggested copy of the letter which I would write if you so directed.

Please advise.

Attachment
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

31 JUL 78

SPECIAL: JODY POWELL JERRY RAFSHOON

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