



Microsoft Memo

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RE: November 1989 Monthly Report

Summary

- Made offer on Infa handwriting software
- Began Prototyping Win-H

Activities

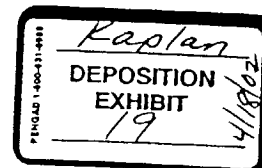
Infa Offer. After six months of trying to find a complete, or nearly complete, handwriting package to buy, Infa is the only company that took the right approach to the problem. Therefore I believe we should purchase this software and use it as a base to develop our own HWX.

IBM. They are doing very good research and development in the handwriting area. Long term it would be very good for us to work with them. I have talked to their head scientist, Chuck Tappert, several times. He would very much like to work with us to develop a standard, but Yorktown says I have to go through Boca to set up a meeting. Everyone at Boca is blowing me off. For now this is a dead end.

Prototyping. I have bought an integrated tablet and display which allows you to write directly on the screen. I have got this working with a Win 3 app which does elastic matching (a key handwriting recognition algorithm) on two letters - an unknown and a prototyping. Next I will allow many prototypes to be stored so that the unknow character can be recognized. I will also try to get the pen to do complete emulation of a mouse.

Next Two Month Objectives

- Buy Infa HWX
- find development lead and begin building development team
- Meet w/ Jeffr & Billg to review Overview Document (Dec 28th)
- Follow up with Suen and get database of handwriting samples
- Continue prototyping work



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