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Dear Mr. Monastyrsky,

I am the manager of the developer relations group for the systems division at Microsoft. My colleague, Rich Abel, forwarded your two letters dated July 20th to me to provide the written response your legal counsel requires.

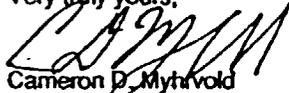
First, the two Windows API calls you mention, WM_QueryDropObject and WM_DragMove are indeed not documented in our written Windows SDK documentation, nor are they included in the Windows.h file (the file that lists all of the messages which are available for applications to use). These API calls are not documented because they will be changed and applications that rely on them would break in future releases of Windows. In fact, these APIs already have changed in the development of Windows 3 and had applications relied upon these API in certain pre-releases of Windows 3, they would have been broken in the final version of Windows 3. To our knowledge no applications software make use of these calls. Their current use is restricted to the operating system itself.

Furthermore, I do not believe that any third party software vendors know about these calls on the basis of their hiring former Microsoft personnel. I do not know of any former Microsoft personnel at the Whitewater Group, nor do I know anyone from the Windows 3 team which has left Microsoft to work at hDC. If hDC is using undocumented calls in their applications I would guess they are doing so on the basis of their reverse engineering Windows. Microsoft does not ordain this type of activity and if they rely on undocumented calls their applications will certainly break on future releases of Windows.

We are currently planning and working on future versions of Windows and would very much like to understand what you would like to see us implement in the way of API and functionality for opening and linking files. We are considering changes to our shell and would welcome your recommendations. Likewise we are working on adding functionality to our LAN Manager product that would track and return to an application the number of users who were simultaneously accessing a program over the network. This is another area where we would be happy to share our views with you and solicit your feedback.

Since these areas are obviously of great interest to you, would you please take the time to write-up the specific changes and enhancements you are looking for in our products? This is valuable information for our product groups to consider in planning future products.

Very truly yours,



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