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From: Brad Silverberg
To: Stuart Wiley
Subject: RE: Evangelist Needed
Date: Friday, January 15, 1993 2:24PM

I would put it even more strongly. we are moving dos forward. we are moving windows forward. we are making sure that the two work together better to present a seamless interface to the user.

From: Stuart Wiley
To: bradsi
Subject: RE: Evangelist Needed
Date: Friday, January 15, 1993 8:52AM

Thanks Brad-

Completely understood. DOS lives. Message is being strongly broadcast. (This specific CIS query is a bit skewed in this regard)

I was asking for more of a positive general message to deliver about the ongoing future of DOS/Windows rather than a posture that could possibly be seen as "defensive". (personally, I think this feeds the MS bashing press.)

I'll use the following until further notice but if you come up with a developer targeted catch phrase will you let us know? ISV's looking to position themselves want assurances regarding the general WIN/DOS development linkages, not necessarily the specifics as to how. Since they seem to be aware of Chicago in general this is a good time to take the high road. (Read-generic hand holding)

//It should not surprise users if Microsoft moves DOS forward and does a better job making Windows & DOS work together. But this just means that the development of Win & DOS is more closely linked. This is not the end of DOS.//

End Thread
Stuw

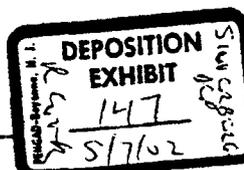
From: Brad Silverberg
To: David Maritz; Dennis Adler; Stuart Wiley
Cc: Brad Chase
Subject: RE: Evangelist Needed
Date: Thursday, January 14, 1993 5:43PM

dos is NOT going away. we are not dropping dos. period.

From: Dennis Adler
To: davidma; stuw
Cc: bradc; bradsi
Subject: RE: Evangelist Needed
Date: Thursday, January 14, 1993 3:07PM

The answer is simple: DOS is NOT going away! Make that VERY clear.

You cannot talk about Chicago. You can say that it should not surprise users if Microsoft moves DOS forward and does a better job making



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Brad, anything to add?

From: Stuart Wiley
To: David Maritz; Dennis Adler
Subject: RE: Evangelist Needed
Date: Thursday, January 14, 1993 09:54AM

I went to the Chicago track at the RSM, but a little more NDA/non-NDA corpspeak would assist us.

From: David Maritz
To: Dennis Adler
Cc: Stuart Wiley
Subject: FW: Evangelist Needed
Date: Thursday, January 14, 1993 4:14AM

Dennis, Stuart is from dev relations and may need to be briefed on what can/can't say about Chicago

From: Stuart Wiley
To: davidma
Subject: Evangelist Needed
Date: Friday, January 08, 1993 10:17AM

Msg #: 45081 S2/Strategic Issues
Jan 4 1993 7:01PM
Sb: Future of MS-DOS
Fm: Neal (Conceptual Cos.) 71555,1773
To: [F] sysop

I have recently read in PC Week that Microsoft will be merging the Windows and MS-DOS environments. I believe the code name for this project is Chicago. Our company has been considering development of an application for our Voice

Processing technology that would be based in DOS and maybe at some later date Windows NT. However, we can't seem to get a good handle on the future of DOS

or if it will be maintained and enhanced for those who either don't need

or don't like a GUI be it Windows or anything else. I would appreciate some sort

of dialog that gives us some sense of direction for DOS. We do not wish

to do development work on any OS that is going to be dropped.

> From what I have read in the trades about MS-DOS 6.0 it sounds like most

of the serious limitations are not being addressed. However, before we give

up on Microsoft, we felt it was only fair to speak with someone directly. If there are any issues of confidentiality, we are happy to sign non-disclosures.

I feel that it would be preferable to speak via telephone rather than this forum. If someone would be so kind as to give us a call, our office