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This mail comes from: the de facto head of the committee to encourage synergy between systems and applications.

Here is a proposal that I doubt will be very popular but I think it is a good one.

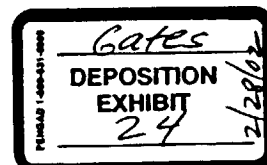
Lets be consistent between systems and applications. In particular lets use MDI everywhere.

The facts:

- 1) We have not come up with any solution for SDI window management. We want to and when we do it will be something between MDI and SDI.
- 2) MDI is a broad standard
- 3) At least half of all reasonable men think MDI is better than SDI. This reasonable man thinks the shells would be better with MDI especially now that we are making the shells work with different types of objects.
- 4) Its not that hard to change Chicago and Cairo to do this.
- 5) Our application framework makes it easy for everyone to write MDI applications. Even VB supports it!
- 6) We might even sell more applications which is our greatest source of profit!!

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