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I agree that we all need to talk. Everything I've seen is valid for the goal it addresses, but our goals are simply not in sync.

- the Chicago team isn't as confident in Chicago's assured success as you are. our goal is to move lots of Chicago and get the Win 3.1 based moved over to it. we think we need the ISVs help to assist this market change. we want to do this in a way compatible with our long term systems strategy.

- the systems division also has goals to get ISVs targetting all our Win32 implementations with OLE enabled Win32 apps. the chicago guys think that Chicago is the big stick we can use to make this real. You yourself say that it'll take all our might to move them to Win32 and OLE. But there is a cost to using Chicago as the stick, that cost is either looking stupid in the press and potentially confusing our ISVs or better syncing up Win32s and NT with Chicago.

- as you pointed out, we also need to consider the MS apps role in this. what you say makes lots of sense.

I think the 4 of us, plus jonro and richt need to chat. Jim, you want to set this up? Bradsi should be back tomorrow.