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To: Richard McAniff  
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Subject: RE: Harvest II  
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I am not sure I understand the pricing model. Is this a promotion or a forever deal? What is the mix of what we sell today? In other words how revenue neutral is this deal? Are we shifting things around or lowering price? Is the \$695 price too high - creating an umbrella for Borland?

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From: Richard McAniff  
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Steve, thanks for getting us thinking about an aggressive Fox campaign targeted at the installed base of dBASE users. We now have a plan - Harvest II. Harvest II is designed to increase Fox market share at the expense of dBASE. We want to launch a pre-emptive strike against Borland before the launch of dBASE for Windows, which is estimated to be at the end of Q194. This mail gives you a high level overview of Harvest II and what we can do to ensure its success. See attached document for more detail.

Harvest II will be rolled out in 2 phases.

Phase 1 - Begins immediately. Focus is on re-positioning Borland in terms of pricing and marketing.  
Phase 2 - Early Q194. Focus is on eliminating other barriers of dBASE to FoxPro conversion.

The 4 key components of Harvest II are:

\*Simplified SKUs - Effective immediately, we will begin consolidation of the FoxPro product line into 2 SKUs per platform (Win, DOS, Mac). There will be a STANDARD edition (which is the current FoxPro single-user product), and a PROFESSIONAL edition (which is standard plus all the complementary FoxPro kits like Distribution, Connectivity, ODBC Driver Pack, Workgroup Extensions, and Library Construction).

\*Aggressive Pricing - We are going to beat Philippe at his own game. The Standard edition will be priced at \$99 worldwide (vs. \$495 today), and the Professional edition - \$695 (vs \$1580 in parts today). There should be no confusion as to which SKU to buy, and what gets you a better product for the money.

\*Targeted Marketing - With simplified SKUs and aggressive pricing, we are going after dBASE strongholds with a vengeance. We are designing marketing and communication programs to target key domestic markets like the government, small/medium business, and international markets like Germany, the UK, Brazil, and Eastern Europe. These programs are designed to raise immediate and broad awareness. dBASE users



will be constantly reminded of the greatness of FoxPro and the benefits of them switching.

\*Microsoft support for Fox message - Everyone from top down (execs, field, our SPs) need to articulate the same message: "FoxPro is Microsoft's tool for serious database development, and we're making it easy for more people to switch."

Clearly, our biggest threat is Borland's counter campaign, "Fox is dead." We simply can not afford to have Borland continue spreading false rumors about Microsoft's plan for FoxPro. My worst nightmare is one in which we drop our price without increasing market share. Borland ends up stronger, and the Fox business ends up weaker. A crisp message as stated above combined with the marketing plan outlined in the attached document will minimize this risk.

<< File Attachment: HARVEST4.DOC >>