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Subject:	RE: Chicago 'does not need MS-DOS' message and OEMs
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I don't want to talk about MS-DOS 7. When/if of ms-dos7 is not firm.

We should let them know we are 100% compatible with MS-DOS and will run all dos apps and device drivers. We've included those parts of MS-DOS need to provide 100% compatibility. MS-DOS is thus embedded inside Chicago for the purpose of running dos apps and dos drivers. We'll run even the most difficult ones, via the "escape hatch" of Single App Mode, which runs a real mode msdos session. But Chicago is not "built on dos".

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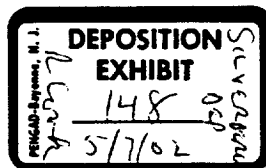Date: Wednesday, March 09, 1994 4:36PM

I have run into a minor point of confusion with several OEM engineers, that has them worried. Compaq has raised this several times.

They are confused because of the message that "Chicago does not need MS-DOS". They think we are like Windows NT and OS/2 that do not have MS-DOS ancestors. They are worried about compatibility, about MS-DOS boxes, and about real-mode drivers.

I am usually able to explain this and tell them not to worry, it will work. But they still want to be able to ship MS-DOS, and want to have it available with Chicago. They are just nervous about a lack of MS-DOS with Chicago. It is a mind-set thing.

Maybe we could modify the message a little bit for technical people who are afraid of loosing a real-mode MS-DOS, to says something like "Although Chicago does not need MS-DOS, it comes with MS-DOS 7 core components included, which can be launced using the Single Tasking Application Mode, to support Real Mode-Only MS-DOS Apps."

I know we don't want to make this a major marketing message for average end users, but among the technical and OEM community, this might help explain Chicago's "lack of MS-DOS".

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