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From: Brad Chase
To: bradsi
Subject: FW: Notes from initial 7/14 next ChicoDOS planning meeting
Date: Wed, Jul 14, 1993 5:29PM

as i told you awhile ago i have a put together a team of ericat, mikedr and richt to get the spec done for ms-dos 7. they have as a primary objective to make a product proposal and have a list of must do work items done in time so that as soon as my developers are done with elroy they can work on ms-dos 7.

pls send me your comments

From: Eric Straub
To: Brad Chase
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I should have copied you on this. Do you think I should copy msdosmgr on Chico notes?

Eric.

From: Eric Straub
To: Mike Dryfoos; Richard Freedman
Subject: Notes from initial 7/14 next ChicoDOS planning meeting
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Our Plan:

- Each of us (to: line) to scan spec by Friday (mike may not be able to complete by then).
- We will meet from 3-5 Friday to build initial list of Chicago features which are obvious in and out, and not sure. For not sures, we'll categorize by would like to keep, would like to drop, and don't care. Then, based largely on the effort required to remove or keep, we will decide what to do..

Product Objective:

- Cover our flank.
- Reap revenue from upgrades who won't buy chicao (lower priority).
- Create version of MS-DOS based on Chicago minus GUI with minimal amount of effort. The key differentiating features from Chicago are:
 - 1) No Win GUI support
 - 2) Perhaps smaller hardware requirements (open issue)
- Hardware requirements are defined by Chicago. Current thinking is 4Meg VGA 386.

Target Audience (Competitors are DR-DOS and PC-DOS):

- Highly cost conscious OEM's
- Upgrade customers who won't buy Chicago.

Open Issues:

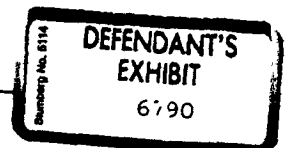
- We need a name for this product - Until I get a better name, I'll call it Chico-DOS.
- Is it okay to not support running any version of Windows on Chico-DOS?
- Should smaller hardware requirements than Chicago be a design goal?

Assumptions:

- COGS is less critical due to lower volume of product.
- We will be as compatible as Chicago. Will not attempt to do anything

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to be more compatible.

That's all for now!
Eric.

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