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Rich,
Richard Smith from Phar Lap is nosing around and may very well be going to the press with some anti-Win 3.0, anti-DPMI stuff.

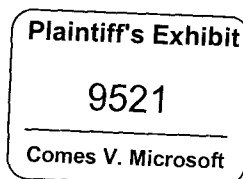
He's talked to both Intel and Ericst over the past couple of days about Win 3.0's compatibility with Win 2.xx applications and things like that.

I think he feels caught in a squeeze - since Phar Lap doesn't support XMS, Phar Lap apps don't even work in Win 3.0 standard mode. And so far Phar Lap has resisted moving directly to DPMI, but instead is still trying to push the VCPI Vxd approach (which would require major changes to Win 3.0 to work).

Anyway - I think he's getting a lot of heat from his ISV's to do something about this situation - but all his avenues are blocked. I think the problem he has with moving directly to DPMI is that it would be a lot of work and he wouldn't be able to deliver a DPMI DOS extender for quite some time - which is the only avenue that we are making available to him.

He may well think that his only way out of this mess is to do some public Win 3.0 bashing. This would not be out of character for him, given his recent behavior.

I don't know what you want to do about this - but I wanted to make sure you were aware of the situation. Marianne knows about this also and the two of you might want to touch base on this Monday.



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