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Pls don't forward.

A few things came up of importance to wgd.

1. A very interesting plan was developed and tentatively adopted to bundle the extensibility of Chicago shell and some of the shell sizzle with Office rather than release with Chicago itself. This makes these features a compelling reason to buy Office rather than icing on the cake of an OS we can't make as much profit on. Implication is that the mail client in Chicago might not want to be as full featured as the mail client in Office or Mail itself. Perhaps this is even the 16 bit client if Explorer is not extensible in Chicago itself. This was not discussed in any detail but we should be thinking about it. Pls give me your thoughts so I can write followon mail. I think we should push for full MAPI to be in Chicago but that may be controversial.

It is too soon to pass this on to the client teams or other people in wgd who I know will welcome another change like a hole in the head but it is likely to become the Chicago POR around midJuly.

2. DavidV presented a far more developed plan for unification of database strategy including Cairo, EMS, and a to be developed engine. Although he presented it as immediate replacing all efforts, it is much more realistic two or three years out. I spoke to PaulMa, RogerH, DavidFu, and MikeMap after and all agreed that ems must go forward as planned (Paul the weakest on this) and that we will review the db strategy as it develops to make sure we have a convergence plan. I especially asked these four to make sure this does not spread as rumor of the demise of ems and all agreed. It is very clear that EMS' value is strongly linked to it delivery date. It's all we have in that timeframe to compete with NOTES and it's key that it stay in that timeframe.

3. Darryl presented EMS to general interest but some skepticism that we can get it all done. There was no objection when he presented exposing MAPI in the 16bit client altho I'm not sure everybody understood the implication of this.

4. There will be greater emphasis on synergy including a billg memo that there is no Chinese wall nor any legal or ethical reason for having one. All groups including us need to be more proactive in planning and working together. A couple of specifics - we need to plan with JimAll's people how the directories will eventually converge; we need to see if it is possible to get NT 3.1 to include support for Netware 4.0 directories and then have EMS inherit this from NT rather than support Netware directly. I'll get the right contacts in systems to work on this but we are going to have to spare some time of valuable people.

5. The respect people have for wgd has increased greatly in the last year thanks to 3.0. But there is not general knowledge that we now lead our category or that we have released anything since 3.0. Has there been anything in MicroNews about 3.2, remote, new gateways, eforms designer - I don't remember? Anyway, we need to be more IYF.