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windows apps. this groupshould developsome guidelines, advice, tools and test suites to help isv's.

| |- isv answer man. the top isv's want to talk to a developer, not | pss. they have very difficult questions that require someone like | bob to answer. bob and his team needs to be available for this. we | want to steer as much to pss as possible, but there are some isv's | (especially the more senior people at the top isv's) who want direct | developer contact. putting real developers in developer support will | also give the entire program credibility.

|- inside windows, they should take ownership for getting this | written.

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From bradsi Wed May 08 11:18:34 1991

To: bobmu jimali paulma steveb

Subject: Re: "kill DOS"

Date: Wed May 08 11:18:26 1991

despite reiswig's attempt to tar windows as a "dos extender", it's not a view shared by customers. windows does have a separate identity today, and will have more so in the future. at the same time, we cannot ditch dos. the ability to run on top of dos was a major reason people felt comfortable giving windows a try. and future versions of windows need to maintain dos compatibility.

the win4 plan in fact is to move core services into dos6, giving dos protect mode and vmm capabilities. it will run windows vxd's.

yes, dos has its weaknesses, and some will say windows is limited because it's built on dos. that will be easy to correct in win4, as dos becomes a compatibility element rather than the os.

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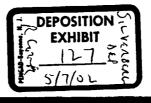
From bradsi Wed May 08 11:26:56 1991

To: sharonh

Subject: 5 pm today

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i need to meet with neilk at 5 so tomorrow at 8am is ok for



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