| Still, I'm happy with the changes in DOS 5, and wish you best of luck!
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From sheriv Fri Mar 1 17:22:12 1991
To: steveb
Cc: bradsi debbieh tonya
Subject: Windows source code to IBM.
Date: Fri Mar 01 17:18:19 PDT 1991

We shipped Win 3.0A source to IBM this week (stripped of all 3rd party device drivers and font bitmaps which we don't have sublicense rights to). Mugge/Steele both brought this up as an issue at the briefing, and were adamant about getting source asap. We sent them 3.0A to placate them until we figure out what we want to do about 3.1, and to appear reactive so we don't get beat up later about it.

What they really want is 3.1 source to evaluate the DPMI client code. We didn't send it to them -- bradsi said you wanted to hold off, and mentioned the concern about IBM incorporating 3.1 as WABBC into OS/2 2.0 and not paying any royalty on it.

I see three options:

1/ Send it to them.

They know the DPMI functionality is in there, and have a license to preliminary source code "no less frequently than monthly" so are making a legitimate request.

2/ Don't send it to them.

I tried to buy some time with Deanne Safford by telling her the code was still pre-beta and not in a suitable state to send out, but she refused to wait until beta and insisted on immediate delivery.

3/ Do something slimy like send it to them, but break key parts of the code.

Pre-beta code has lots of flaws and some of them may mysteriously involve the DPMI section (among others). The only problem with this option is that it will take at least a day of the Win guys time to put the source tape together, and IBM won't be satisfied when they get it (if that matters).

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From davidtry Fri Mar 1 17:28:15 1991
To: dos5beta
Subject: setting up to beta from 5.00.481
Date: Fri Mar 01 17:24:40 PDT 1991