From: Don Bradford
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 1998 4:38 AM
To: Ben Waldman
Cc: Hillel Cooperman
Subject: RE: Apple comments on IE

Think we should honor our agreement with Apple. They really want to keep Netscape in the game. As I said before, think it will be hard to get them to do something that materially damages Netscape (until Netscape is beyond hope).

In my discussions with Avie:

- he was completely focused on OE and had a requested feature list
- is interested in the IE HTML control -- assuming we commit to moving the work forward. Based on feedback from BradSi and BillG, think we should consider maintaining the HTML control into the foreseeable future. Have set expectations with Rick Holzli that you are the person to discuss IE HTML control licensing. Both JonDe and I have talked to the Dallas team, they're signed up to carry this work forward as part of your org. (You should meet with Joe Merritt as soon as you can after your return)

Don

-----Original Message-----
From: Ben Waldman
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 1998 3:04 AM
To: Don Bradford
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Wanted to let you know that at Tokyo MacWorld, Apple was even less enthusiastic about IE than at SF MacWorld.

Mitch Manditch, when talking about 8.1, said IE is the default, but you can switch to netscape if you want (i.e. not even a pause between the 2 statements, didn't base the netscape comment on any sort of negative reaction from the audience).

Avie said something like "Fulfilling its agreement with Microsoft, Apple made Ie the default browser."

I guess this is doubly annoying since MS has made commitments to do things like ColorSync which seem to do more to support Apple than deliver value to the user. Do you still think that this is worth doing?

Ben

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