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From: Bill Miller
To: Dennis Adler
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thx for the input. Unfortunately, this is a doc that reflects
management's view on this entire subject. Jeffpr inherited the
project. I plan to kill it. Unless we (billg/mikemap) are willing to
acknowledge our "sloppiness", I don't believe that a piece like this helps.

From: Dennis Adler
To: Jeff Price
Cc: Bill Miller; David Cole
Subject: Undoc APIs document
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Short and sweet (or sour). I've read thru most of the materials you
sent along, and they are awful! You never address the issues Schulman
raised in his mail. You continue to say, "There was no advantage to MS
in using these APIs." Get real. You mean to tell me that the Word &
Excel teams put in a bunch of API calls that they did not think would
help them in a particular area? I hope not!!

There is even one case (QCWin) where the "documented" use for the API
SetMessageQueue enables QCWin to wait until the app it is debugging has
a msg queue in place before sending it messages; this is clearly
advantageous. By ignoring the very valid points Schulman has raised,
you make a sham of the entire exercise of documenting the APIs now. It
comes across as a cover-up, plain and simple. In fact, you are saying
that Schulman is either confused or lying. That does not seem to be the
case to me.

I gave up reading the whole document, as this tone of denial continues
ad nausem. Why not just document the APIs, preface the document with
some HONEST history (yes, we did use undoc'd APIs, yes we now have a
policy in place of not doing that — a policy that was not in place
previously, and here is the documentation for these APIs that we have
utilized).

Stop trying to pretend that we did not do this to gain a competitive
advantage, however slight. If that is not why these programmers used
the undoc'd APIs in there code, then give me a plausable explaination
for why they did... truthful would be nice too,

The peope who read this document ar not stupid, and they would have to
be to believe what was written. I think this doc can do as much (or
more) harm as good as presently written.

/Dennis