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This mail confuses me. Ren is not part of Win'95.

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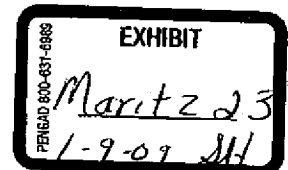
Here is situation - there were 3 major ISVs using the IShellFolder Interfaces - REN, Stac, Symantec.

1. For M7, we will change the interfaces to force applications to always open in a separate window - emulating behaviour of final product. Capone and Marvel will be started via the Start button (or a desktop icon). However Capone & Marvel will still be executing in process.
2. Based on latest meetings it appears that Stac and Symantec will separate themselves out into separate apps for the final product. Capone will do likewise. REN is the one saying that they don't have the bandwidth to do this. The proposal here is that REN will continue to use the M7 arrangement, and then rev themselves to be separate .exe sometime after Win'95 ships and use their download capability to do an in-place upgrade.
3. So we have to decide whether to allow REN to do this, which I am assuming we will. If we do this, then I think we have to still have to document the interfaces in a resource kit somewhere, albeit with a caveat that the interfaces will be broken in future, and we do not recommend their use. I will need you to really re-inforce to REN group that they need to take update to their product seriously. If REN does not make Win'95 then we can pull from the final product.

I will probably put this all into effect sometime this week. Let me know if you have any issues.

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