"O'Hare" is the code name for the Internet Client for Windows
95 project. Our goal is to be in beta by 2/17/95 (the Win 95
RTM date), and ship no more than 3 months after Win 95 in
a "frosting version 2" package.

Key Features:

1) Make it very easy to signup with an Internet service provider and
get instantaneous access to the net;
2) Provide e-mail and newsgroup reading (via capone/route 66)
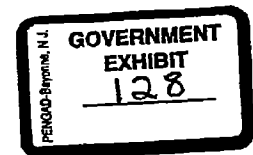3) Provide shell-integrated Web browsing (http/html, ftp, gopher)

Key unresolved issues:

1) Sign Booklink deal to get Web browing sources (thomasre/johnlu
own this; russs doing the actual deal) Should have deal
signed in a week or two.
2) Sign up a very small number of key service providers (toma owns)
Tom is telling the rest of MS that he owns this; he is also
building a requirements doc, and then he'll start pounding
the pavement; one possibility is networkMCI — they want
to be in the pipeline business, and bob frankston knows
Vince Cerf (sp?) who is in charge there and was a key
Internet architect.

Dependencies on non-POSD groups:

1) Capone/route 66 — we're going to write a Wizard to make setting
this stuff up very simple for the service provider case; we're
also dependent upon the quality of this code, obviously, so
we'll be testing it and giving the mail group lots of feedback.
2) NT group for protocols (TCP/IP, winsock, ...) — doesn't appear to be
any big risks here.

We're going to give a presentation to paulma on this mid next week,
including a demo (date was 10/12, but apparently is moving around).
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