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A Conversation with Chris Espinosa of Apple concerning Jef Raskin, QuickDraw, and Book of Macintosh

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David Craig called Chris Espinosa at Apple, a long time Apple employee, concerning documents Espinosa may have relating to Jef Raskin and his work with QuickDraw and the Macintosh computer. Espinosa had the following to say:

BOOK OF MACINTOSH

Not a book, but a collection of internal Apple memos. Apple does not release internal memos, so this book is unavailable to outsiders. CE does not know where these memos are at Apple, seems to want to find them.

CE seems wrong here, since my impression was from Raskin himself that this was a full document, and not a collection of memos.

QUICKDRAW

*DC: Really memos only
(see Raskin Doc #3)*

DC wanted to obtain early technical documents about QuickDraw (eg Inside Macintosh first release docs and early QD Pascal interface listings).

CE said the earliest tech docs are his (written in Sept 1981 on an Apple /// computer) for Inside Mac (3 ring binder - DC has this from 1984). Lisa team did not provide any QD developer docs since Lisa software architecture was to be closed to outsiders. Final Lisa Workshop docs did include QD docs, but these were based upon CE's work. CE still has his QD /// disks, but does not think they contain any materials that are very different than the early Inside Mac docs. CE said best source for early QD history is Apple's UCSD Pascal Turtle Graphics stuff (DC has this stuff).

DC mentioned Doug McKenna's ETYMOLOGY OF QUICKDRAW paper and Raskin's 1967 Penn State graduate thesis, CE said not interested in copies (CE unaware of thesis paper, asked if Bill Atkinson would of used it, DC said thinks so).

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CE said Raskin was a true renaissance man who has lived 15 lives so far. CE said Raskin at one time even made and sold paper airplanes.

MISC

CE said Apple has a "vault" containing source code on disks. But source code only goes back to Macintosh and 1984. Earlier stuff not present in this vault. CE said something about an archive in Colorado with Apple tech stuff, but said this is hard to access.

CE said he currently is working on Apple's TALIGENT project.

When DC obtains Raskin's QD thesis, DC should send CE a copy (along with QD ETYMOLOGY) and says thanks for the QD info

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- *Espinosa also mentioned that many of his older Apple papers were destroyed by accident during a move at Apple several years ago (he said a file cabinet marked to be moved to a new building was instead thrown out).*
- *CE also involved heavily in Apple III. Wrote III user's manual, SOS reference.*