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Trial Update

Microsoft Urges Court to Dismiss Government's Breakup Proposal Immediately

Government's Proposed
Conduct Remedies Would
Also Hurt Consumers and

Innovation

Company Outlines Proposal to Speed
Resolution of the Case, as well as More
Extensive Remedy Procedures if Necessary

Also, see other Highlights from the Web, below.

REDMOND, WA. - May 10, 2000 -
Microsoft today urged U.S. District Court
Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson to dismiss
the government's unprecedented proposal
to break up the company, and outlined
more appropriate remedies as well as a
range of procedures designed to move the
remedy phase forward as quickly as
possible.

"We are working to try to resolve this case
as quickly as possible, in a fair and
reasonable manner. We believe there is no
basis in this case for the government's
unprecedented breakup proposal, and we
are hopeful that the Court will dismiss this
excessive demand immediately so that the
case can move forward much more
rapidly," said Microsoft Chairman Bill
Gates.

"Even without the extreme breakup
proposal, many elements of the
government's proposed regulations are
unwarranted, outside the scope of this
case, and very damaging to consumers,"
Gates said. "The government's proposals
would take away Microsoft's property by
forcing us to disclose the source code for
our products, even though Microsoft spent
hundreds of millions of dollars to develop
these products. The government also
seeks to interfere with the design of
Microsoft's products."

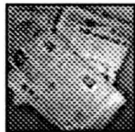
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Microsoft:**

- California
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- North Carolina
- New Mexico
- New York
- Ohio
- Utah
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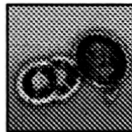
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"We want to see this case resolved as quickly as possible," said Bill Neukom, Microsoft executive vice president for law and corporate affairs. "We have proposed comprehensive relief that addresses all the violations found by the Court, and have invited the Court to accelerate the process by entering that relief without the need of a further hearing. But, if the Court is going to consider the government's proposals - many of which go far beyond the scope of the case itself - then we want to ensure that Microsoft has a fair and reasonable opportunity to respond."

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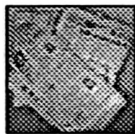
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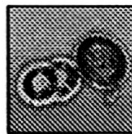
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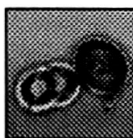
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