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Dear Charles

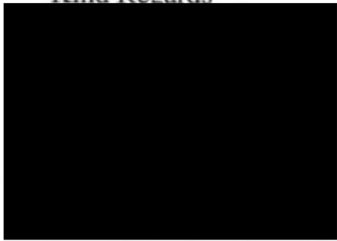
Thank you for your letter of the 2nd April and I do apologise for taking so long to get back to you.

We are, as you say in close discussion with ICL Retail Systems to see how their expertise in general across the retail marketplace could be of value to POCL and the systems we are developing.

As you will probably know, the systems architecture on the counter uses RIPOSTE middleware to link the counter applications with the underlying windows NT operating environment. This being the case, all applications we are generating are written to the RIPOSTE API and this is a discipline we shall continue to pursue. We have no plans to use GlobalSTORE in this context.

It was kind of you to write, but in the circumstances I don't think we will be able to take your suggestions forward.

Kind Regards



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