They've killed the entire PRISM program.
The future is reported to be "MIPSCO for UNIX; VAX for VMS".
No other details are known.

Rich Grove

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From:    TLE::DECWET::CUTLER "17-Jun-1988 1054" 17-JUN-1988 16:26
To:      PIPE::KEATING,TLE::NYLANDER,TLE::GROVE
Subj:    Thank you
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As you probably are aware the corporate garbage disposal ate our projects
yesterday.

Thank you for your support.

I still belive that PRISM was the best and the decision went the wrong
way.

I have given everybody a month of paid vacation – you should consider
doing the same for your group. There has to be some way to let people
know we value them.

We (DECwest management) are going to go somewhere for a week to try to
sort all this out. I would like to have you come also – families and all.

We have to decide what we want to do and when we want to do it by.

You probably heard OSF uber alles – that ain't on as far as I am concerned.

We will do an excellent job with OSF – but OSF is just that, ho hum OSF.

We will keep Mica, its structure, and its VMS compatibility. They will
be back asking for it in another 6 months.

I'll let you know next week when we are going to go somewhere. I hope
you can make it.

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From: TLE::BANANA::KLEIN "17-Jun-1988 1450" 17-JUN-1988 16:39
To: @FOO
Subj: Confidential -- please do not forward further!

Digital's Executive Committee has met and has made the following decisions,
which are based around pumping up our FY89 and FY90 revenue
picture and paring down some of the redundant hardware efforts that
have been under way. It would take me pages to describe the variety
of motivations around these decisions.

   1) The entire range of Prism hardware is cancelled

   2) Argonaut is cancelled

   3) The MIPS chip will be acquired and sold in a Digital box
      as our first "hot" UNIX workstation (FCS circa April, 1989).
      It will feature the MIPS UNIX implementation and compilers,
      plus DECwindows and perhaps other software TBD. The MIPS
      chip is RISC and is in around 12 VUPS.

   4) Dave Cutler's organization will be out of the hardware business.
      They will do an implementation of MICA for MIPS -- this will
      be our OSF and VMS compliant operating system offering on that
      architecture.

   5) The emphasis on VAX will be on VMS -- ULTRIX futures are not
      well understood yet for the VAX platform.

   6) There will be a line of product offerings (a family) built around
      the MIPS chip -- details are sketchy here at present.

In terms of SDT activities, Keating expects that this will mean that
we will elevate portability to be a top priority for each of our products.
We expect that we will be moving software to at minimum the MIPS/MICA
platform. We forsee no project cancellations, but clearly some of our
current efforts will be redirected.

Regards,
Leslie