

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS. DISTRICT COUR

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DIA JUN -3 AM 9: 52

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INTERGRAPH HARDWARE TECHNOLOGIES COMPANY

VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:02-CV-312

DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION ET AL.

ORDER

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HP's motion to compel disclosure of information relating to the March 29, 2004 agreement between Intel and Intergraph (#258) is denied. The settlement negotiations sought to be discovered are privileged as a matter of federal common law, as set forth by the court in *Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. v. Chiles Power Supply, Inc.*, 332 F.3d 967 (6th Cir. 2003). In addition, HP has failed to show that the settlement negotiations and statements made during the course of those negotiations would be particularly relevant to any of the claims or defenses in this case. The agreement itself is certainly relevant to certain claims and/or defenses, but the plaintiff has already produced the agreement. Apart from the terms of the actual agreement, the court is not persuaded that the details of the negotiations should be the subject of discovery in this case.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this day of June, 2004.

C. JOHN WARD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE