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TOPIC ---

I want more information about the feasibility of teleconferencing with a
Macintosh AV series computer to my headquarters in Europe. I have a digital
phone system available.

• Can both audio and visual signals be sent over a single telephone line?
  The demo I saw appeared to be doing video over Ethernet, while one
  document I've seen indicates that some type of AppleTalk connection is
  required for teleconferencing.

• Besides the camera, what additional hardware or software is required,
  some kind of GeoPort? What kind of results can the I expect, for example
  quality of signals?

DISCUSSION --

Several products, including the bundled ES•F2F product, support the
Macintosh AV series and can connect with other computers via AppleTalk, ISDN,
many of the Comm (communications) toolbox tool, and ordinary telephone lines.

Other products which provide videoconferencing for Macintosh include Cameo
Personal Video System from Compression Labs, ShareView Plus from ShareVision
Technology and the MovieStar Videoconferencing Toolkit from Intelligence At
Large. For specific details on each product, please contact the individual
vendors.

To locate a vendor's address and phone number, use the vendor name as a search
string.

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