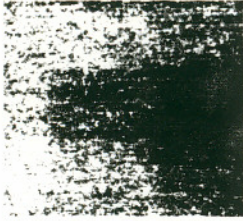


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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES
MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR DEAL WITH TANDY CORP.

CULVER CITY, Calif. -- Leading microcomputer software publisher Ashton-Tate announced today (Oct. 2) it has completed negotiations for the initial shipments of more than \$5 million in Ashton-Tate products to Texas-based Tandy Corp.

The products involved include Ashton-Tate's Framework, the new multi-function productivity software package, dBASE III database management system and Friday! file management system.

All products will be distributed by Tandy through Radio Shack's nationwide network of computer centers, stores and participating dealers.

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