15.568 – Practical Information Technology Management – Spring 2005

Class 7: First National City Bank (A) – (B1)

Questions and other assignment points for Thursday:

Read all the assinged articles:

- 1. Hammer, M. "Reengineering Work: Don't Automate, Obliterate," HBR, Jul-Aug 1990, pp 104-112 (in course book)
- 2. Gibson, C.F., "IT-enabled Business Change: An Approach to Understanding and Managing Risk", MIS Quarterly Executive Vol. 2 No. 2, Sep 2003, pp 104-115 (on sloanspace)

Prepare for discussion: "First National City Bank Operating Group (A)" (distributed in hard copy in class on 17 Feb.)

Consider the following questions:

- 1. How important to the business of FNCB is it to make a major change in the Operating Group? Who among the following in the organization think so: top management, Operating Group middle management, Operating Group personnel?
- 2. How does the plan for change envisioned by Reed, White and White's immediate managers compare to the approach advocated by Hammer for re-engineering?
- 3. What else, if anything, should White and/or Reed do before going ahead with the changes described?