> Maybe there is an easier way. May I suggest a main-level
> program. Then you don't have to jump through all these
> && $ hoops to get something done.

Thanks David!

That has made my life a whole lot easier. I've tried it and it works
beautifully. Up to now I have tried to avoid creating batch files
that required more than 2 or 3 lines in a loop or conditional
statement and throwing them into a procedure with several keywords to
return (not pleasant, by the way) so a main-level program is just what
I needed without knowing I needed it.

Ryan.

P.S. I tried posting twice on Friday but it didn't go through, so this
is another attempt.