OK......so Vista sucks right now.

My question is, I guess, is there a platform right now that will allow me to
run my 4 x UAD-1 cards and 3 x RME cards on a dual socket quad core system
with more than 2G of RAM?

Steinberg doesn't really have their apps optomized for 64 bit or dual socket
quad core CPU's on windows or OSX, right?

UAD has 64 bit drivers as does RME now and both have PCIe cards to access
the higher bandwidth available, or I can spend $2k and purchase a GE Fanuc
(formerly SBS) PCI>PCIe expansion chassis that is 64 bit capable and will
hold all 7 of my RME and UAD-1 cards.

All I really would like to be able to do is to implement 4G RAM on my DAW
for now.

Could I just buy and run XP64 and achieve this or will the Steinberg app
bottleneck the implementation of more than 2G (or require me to use the 3G
switch-which I could do with XP 32 anyway)?

Also, once Cubase/Nuendo becomes capable of working with 64 bit and dual
socket Quads, if I'm a windows user, I'm going to have to run Vista anyway
since XP (64 or 32) doesn't support dual quads, right?

It seems to me that until Steinberg gets it shit together (if you're talking
about Cub-endo), we Steinyheads are just pissin in the wind having these
discussions.