The authors of this background paper engaged in personal conversations, either face to face, by telephone, or by a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), with a great many of the individuals involved in the development of the deaf telecommunications network. Research interviews conducted on a TDD including a hard-copy printout are especially successful because they include a complete record of the conversation, which is then available for reference. In the following list of persons interviewed, the names of those who are hearing impaired are marked with an asterisk (*). The date of the conversation is included in each entry.

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