



EDWARD J. REARDON 203/965-2855
CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
GENERAL TELEPHONE & ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
ONE STAMFORD FORUM, STAMFORD, CONN. 06904

RELEASE DATE:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (8-18-81)

DEAF UTILIZE ELECTRONIC MAIL -- The GTE Telenet TelemailTM service introduced to reduce costs and improve communications in the business world has been adapted for use by the deaf. Called Deafnet, the system has been widely praised by deaf persons who participated in a three-year test. Alfred Marotta (seated) demonstrates how the system works as James Emery and Mimi LaPlante (right) look on. Pointing to the information displayed on the terminal is Mary Robinson, Executive Director, Deaf Communications Institute Inc., Framingham, Mass., which has launched a drive to expand the system nationwide during 1981 -- the International Year of Disabled Persons.

#

GTE-132
294 (81)

(Note to Editor: Color slides are available of this photograph.)