

# Lincoln Telegrams Chart – Use of Power

Telegram	Telegram Recipient	Summary	Lincoln's exercise of power as demonstrated through the telegram
June 13, 1864 (2)	Major General Thomas (Louisville, KY)	Lincoln asks Thomas to look into the complaint that the Union military is taking African Americans without their own consent and being violent toward them. Lincoln tells Thomas to make sure they follow the rules when it comes to making them soldiers.	Lincoln was very serious in this telegram and is worried about provoking free and enslaved African Americans. He was not angry with Thomas, but he was strict in telling him to enforce the rules. ("absolute violence," "rules")
July 10, 1864 (2)			
July 23, 1864			
August 15, 1864			
August 17, 1864			
September 29, 1864			
February 25, 1865			