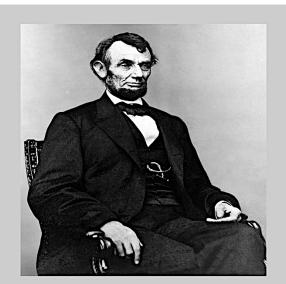
## Understanding Lincoln's "Blind Memorandum"



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This document was then folded up tightly, and signed and dated on the reverse side in the following manner:



William H. Seward W.P. Fessenden Edwin M Stanton Gideon Welles Edw. Bates M Blair JP Usher August 23, 1864



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