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Lincoln Funeral

Telegram.

To Commodore Wm. Radford U.S.N.
U.S.S. "Phlox" Hampton Roads.

The following telegram was received last night.

Special Order.

Navy Department

Washington, April 17, 1865

To Rear Admiral

G. D. Porter, Commanding U.S. Squadron

By order of the President of the United States,
the Navy Department will be closed on
Wednesday next, the day of the funeral
solemnities of the late President of the
United States. Labor will also be

suspended on that day at each of
the Navy Yards and Naval Stations

and upon all the vessels of the United States. The flags of all vessels, and at all the Navy Yards and stations, and Marine Barracks, will be kept at half mast during the day, and at 12 o'clock meridian twenty one (21) minute guns will be fired by the Senior Officer of each Squadron and the Commandants of each of the Navy Yards and Stations.

Gideon Welles
Secretary of the Navy

Copies sent above and below.

K. R. Bease

Fleet Captain