



After Francis Gary Powers was convicted as a spy, in Moscow, Wolfgang Vogel negotiated the exchange of Soviet-spy Rudolf Abel (Willy Fisher) for Powers. His negotiating partner, for the US, was James Donovan.

This image depicts how Vogel appeared on November 26, 1959. He was in Berlin, at the time.

Vogel completed the Abel-Powers negotiations, with Donovan, in February of 1962.

The two men, plus Frederic Pryor—an American student who'd been taking graduate-level courses at the Free University of West Berlin, since 1959, but was being held in East Germany without charge—were exchanged on the 10th of February, 1962.

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