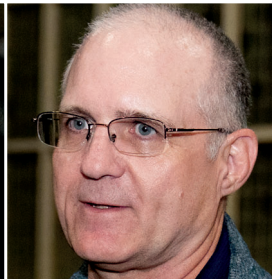
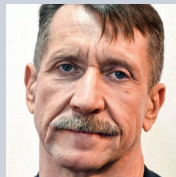
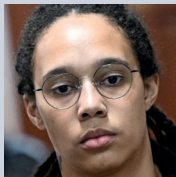


Famous East-West prisoner swaps



■ **Aug 1, 2024:** Wall Street Journal reporter **Evan Gershkovich** (left), Russian-American journalist **Alsu Kurmasheva** (centre), and U.S. Marine veteran **Paul Whelan** (right), among 16 prisoners swapped for eight Russians in biggest exchange since end of Cold War

■ **Dec 2022:** U.S. basketball star **Brittney Griner** (below left), arrested 10 months earlier at Moscow airport for possession of cannabis, released in exchange for Russian arms trafficker **Viktor Bout** (right) – so-called **Merchant of Death** – in high-stakes swap amid worsening relations over Ukraine



■ **Jul 2010:** Ten Russian sleeper agents living in U.S. under false pretences, exchanged for four Russian prisoners, including **Sergei Skripal** (below) – accused of being double agent for Britain. Skripal survives assassination attempt by poisoning in England in 2018



■ **Jun 1985:** **Marian Zacharski** (below), Poland's most famous spy, swapped alongside three other Eastern Bloc agents for 23 Westerners, jailed for espionage in Warsaw Pact countries, in largest Cold War spy swap



■ **Feb 1962:** KGB colonel **Rudolf Abel** (below left), arrested in U.S. in 1957, freed in exchange for **Francis Gary Powers** (right), American pilot of U2 spy plane shot down over Soviet Union in 1960. Exchange takes place on Glienicke Bridge, also known as **Bridge of Spies**, scene of several high-profile swaps

