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East Germany Releases an American

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BERLIN, May 10—East Germany today released a United States citizen sentenced to a 15-year prison term for alleged espionage last September, returning him to American custody in West Berlin.

United States officials said that the American, Peter T. Feinauer, 27 years old, of Providence, R. I., had been freed following negotiations between an East German representative and a New York attorney, Maxwell M. Rabb.

Mr. Feinauer, an art student at the College of Fine Arts in West Berlin, was arrested in 1966 during a visit to East Berlin and spent almost a year in pretrial detention. An East Berlin court last fall found him guilty of having spied for the United States Central Intelligence Agency and of having helped



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Peter T. Feinauer

East Germans flee to the West.

Officials said there ap-

peared to be no link between Mr. Feinauer's case and that of Ronald Widenhoeft, 30, a former art instructor from Columbia University, who is the only American reported still in an East German jail.

Mr. Widenhoeft has been held without trial since last September. He has been charged with espionage.

Mr. Feinauer was reported in satisfactory physical shape, but an American spokesman said he appeared emotionally upset.

In New York, Maxwell M. Rabb said yesterday he was hopeful that the East German authorities would release Mr. Widenhoeft "in the near future." As chairman of the United States Committee for Refugees, Mr. Rabb last year obtained the release of four American prisoners from East Germany.

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