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Gary Powers Flies

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Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 spy plane pilot shot down over Russia in 1960, is back doing "overflights" — over the Los Angeles freeways.

Powers, 40, has been hired to pilot the traffic spotter plane of radio station KGIL, the station confirmed yesterday.

Powers was up in the air yesterday, radioing back reports on the traffic flow for homeward bound commut-

ers, and unavailable for comment.

Powers was 1200 miles inside the Soviet Union on May 1, 1960, when his plane was brought down by an anti-aircraft missile. He parachuted safely, stood trial as a spy, and was sentenced to 10 years. He was released in February, 1962, in exchange for Soviet master spy Rudolph Abel, imprisoned by the United States.

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See also this file 19 Jan 70, for list of other stories on Powers.