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Quid Pro Quo: Hours before being swapped for U-2 pilot FRANCIS GARY POWERS on a Berlin bridge in 1962, Russian spy RUDOLF ABEL made a promise to the American attorney who not only saved him from a death sentence but negotiated the prisoner exchange. In a cell at the U.S. military prison in West Berlin, Abel told lawyer JAMES B. DONOVAN: "You know, I'm very grateful to you. And I know your hobby of collecting rare books. I don't know how I will be able to do this, but you will receive a suitable gift from me." For once, Abel was as good as his word. In New York City last week, Donovan told of receiving a package passed from Russian to American hands, at Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin. Contents: a thank-you note from Abel and two sixteenth-century legal tomes, bound in vellum and printed in Latin, and presumably plundered from Germany by Russian invaders. Prying up a strip of paper pasted over a bookplate, Donovan uncovered the inscription of an ancient Deutschland duke.