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President Putin to Personally Present Steven Seagal's Russian Passport

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American actor Steven Seagal is to receive his Russian passport▣personally from President Vladimir Putin, the Kremlin has confirmed.

Seagal, who is known for starring in past action blockbusters, was▣granted Russian citizenship in early November. He arrived in Moscow▣last week, grabbing headlines by broaching investment deals with▣Russian companies and starring in an advert for Russian▣communications firm Megafon.

"The president still has a number of scheduled meetings, but▣will be meeting [Seagal] today to give him his Russian passport,"▣Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told journalists.

Seagal is not the first Western actor to take a Russian passport, with French film star Gerard Depardieu taking Russian citizenship in 2013. "I am ready to die for Russia," Depardieu said in

a Vanity Fair interview in 2015, "the people there are strong."

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