
UKRAINE WAR: MERKEL SAYS SHE LACKED POWER TO INFLUENCE PUTIN

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Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel has defended her policy towards Russia prior to the February invasion of Ukraine, saying she had run out of power to influence Vladimir Putin.

She said she had tried to convene European talks with the Russian president and French President Emmanuel Macron in the summer of 2021.

"But I didn't have the power to get my way," she told Spiegel news.

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