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Immigration officials have rejected an **appeal** by **Bobby Fischer**, the former **world** chess champion, against their decision to deport him to the United States for trying to travel on an invalid American passport. The decision was made Tuesday at the end of a closed two-day hearing, according to John Bosnitch, a Canadian journalist who acted as an adviser to Mr. **Fischer** in the proceedings. Mr. **Fischer**, 61, who considers his detention "a kidnapping," is wanted in the United States for playing a rematch against Boris Spassky in the former Yugoslavia in 1992 in defiance of international sanctions. He won and took away \$3 million in prize money, and has remained abroad since. Immigration officials refused to comment on the details of the case.

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