B7670 THE BROTHERHOOD (USA, 1969)

Credits: director, Martin Ritt; writer, Lewis John Carlino.
Cast: Kirk Douglas, Alex Cord, Irene Papas, Luther Adler.
Summary: Gangster melodrama set in New York and Sicily in the 1960s. Frank Ginetta (Douglas) is a middle-aged crook, dedicated to the old ways of the Mafia, pitted against his ambitious younger brother Vince (Cord) (who is a Vietnam veteran as well). When Vince suggests the family get involved in modern business crimes, Frank vetoes the plan. This leads Vince's father-in-law Bertolo (Adler) to start a move to replace Frank. Another elderly Mafioso reveals to Frank that Bertolo was behind the betrayal and massacre of an earlier group of syndicate leaders. Frank murders Bertolo and flees to Sicily with his wife and daughter. Vince coldly accepts a contract to kill his brother. Frank knows Vince is coming and is resigned to accepting the "kiss of death."

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