C2345 CALL TO GLORY (USA, 8/13/1984-2/12/1985) [TV SERIES]

Credits: See the episodes below
Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Cindy Pickett, Gabriel Damon, Elisabeth Shue, David Hollander, Keenan Wynn.

Go/No go (9/24/84)

Credits: director, Peter Levin ; writer, Max Jack.
Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Irene Yah Ling Sun.
Summary: Pres. Kennedy sends Sarnac to Vietnam to meet Pres. Diem, evaluate the situation and investigate charges that Buddhists are being persecuted by the ruling Catholics. His driver in Saigon, a woman named Quan (Sun), tries to explain how the Vietnamese feel about hundreds of years of foreign control and a repressive government. She later disappears and is suspected of being a Viet Cong.

A wind of change (12/3/84)

Credits: director, Jon Avnet ; writer, Jon Avnet, Josef Anderson.
Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Stan Shaw.
Summary: Col. Sarnac is sent on a second fact finding mission to Vietnam. His helicopter is shot down in enemy territory. Along with Clayton Jones (Shaw), a black enlisted man, Raynor is captured and tortured for information by the Viet Cong but escapes.

Just in time (2/12/85)

Credits: director, Jon Avnet ; writers, Jon Avnet, Josef Anderson.
Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Stan Shaw.
Summary: Col. Sarnac is sent to Vietnam a third time with the knowledge that a coup is planned that will end the rule of Pres. Diem and his family. He hopes to adopt the orphan son of Quan and spends a night on the town in Saigon with Clayton Jones. His adoption plans are thwarted when the boy is kidnapped by the Viet Cong.

The end, the beginning (unaired until the series was syndicated)

Credits: director, Craig T. Nelson ; writer, Brad Radnitz.
Cast: Craig T. Nelson.
Summary: In Feb. 1973, the North Vietnamese release all their American POWs, including Raynor Sarnac who has been a captive for three years. He is accused by the Air Force of having murdered two CIA agents while in captivity. He also finds America and his family have changed much in his absence. His oldest daughter Jackie (Shue) is now a college student and single mother. Son Wesley (Hollander) has gone to Canada to avoid the draft. Jackie's former boyfriend Patrick is now an Air Force officer, but lost a leg in Vietnam.
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