Credits: director/writer, Michael Moore.

Cast: Alan Alda, John Candy, Rhea Perlman, Kevin Pollak

Summary: Comedy film set in the contemporary US and Canada. With the Cold War over, the U.S. President (Alda) is beset by falling approval ratings. The head of the National Security Council, Stu Smiley (Pollack), R.J. Hacker (Spradlin) a corrupt defense contractor, and General Dick Panzer (Torn) a Strangelove-type, hatch a scheme to start a new Cold War to rebuild the President's popularity and preserve their political power and profits. The target nation is chosen after news comes of a riot at a hockey game in Niagara Falls, Ontario where visiting Americans had complained about the bad taste of Canadian beer. Smiley decides Canada will be the new Evil Empire and the conspirators nearly start a nuclear war. One of the henchmen employed by this cabal is an old CIA agent who claims to have planned the Tonkin Gulf "hoax" which started the Vietnam War.


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