C5280 CLAY PIGEON (USA, 1971)
(Other titles: Mann greift zur Waffe; Piccione d'argilla; Pigeon d'argile; Trip to kill)

Credits: director, Tom Stern; writers, Ronald Buck, Buddy Ruskin, Jack Gross, Jr.
Cast: Telly Savalas, Robert Vaughn, Peter Lawford, Burgess Meredith.
Summary: Crime/action/adventure set chiefly in contemporary California. In Vietnam, Joe Ryan (Stern) throws himself on a Viet Cong grenade to save his buddies. The grenade does not explode and Joe returns from Vietnam with a Silver Star for heroism and a bad case of disenchantment. After discharge in Los Angeles, he joins a group of hippies. Meanwhile, the federal narcotics authorities in the person of Agent Frank Redford (Savalas) are looking for an undercover agent. Joe has been jailed for trying to stop the police from harassing hippies and there Redford recruits him to impersonate a drug dealer named Neilson (Vaughn). Things go wrong when Neilson finds out someone is using his name. Some of Joe's friends are tortured and killed as Neilson hunts for his impersonator. Joe goes after the drug dealers, kills them, and then turns on Redford.

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