F3480  THE FALCON AND THE SNOWMAN  (USA, 1985)
(Other titles: Gioco del falco; Jeu du faucon)

**Credits:** director, John Schlesinger; writer, Steven Zaillian.

**Cast:** Timothy Hutton, Sean Penn, Pat Hingle, Richard Dysart.

**Summary:** Spy film set in California and Mexico in the 1970s. Christopher Boyce (Hutton) and Daulton Lee (Penn) were boyhood friends. As we meet them in their early twenties, Boyce has just quit the seminary, much to his father’s disappointment, and has taken a job at TRW. He is soon promoted to dealing with the company’s top-secret defense files, where he finds out about the CIA’s tampering with elections overseas. Lee is a runaway paroled heroin addict, kept on the run between the U.S. and Mexico by the law and his narcotics deals. Boyce is driven by ideological disillusionment with the Vietnam War, Lee by greed and the need for excitement - together they enter the dangerous, deadly game of selling secrets to the Russians. With each operation, the stakes get higher, the risks loom larger until The Falcon and The Snowman find that the game has no winners.


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