F3820  FATAL VISION  (USA, 11/18/1984)  [TV]

Credits: director, David Greene ; writer, John Gay ; story, Joe McGinniss.
Cast: Karl Malden, Eva Marie Saint, Gary Cole.
Summary: Legal/mystery television program set in North Carolina in the 1970s. Depicts the events surrounding the true story of the brutal murder of a military doctor's pregnant wife and two young daughters. Green Beret Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald (Cole) claims to have arrived home at Ft. Bragg one rainy night to discover his family murdered. He says he was overpowered by the drug deranged hippies who committed the crime. MacDonald is booked for the crime but the military botches the handling of the case and he is acquitted. His ex-father-in-law (Malden) becomes increasingly doubtful of MacDonald's innocence and spends the next nine years on a quest for the truth that eventually puts MacDonald in jail.

Bianculli, David. “‘Fatal vision’: Compelling” Philadelphia inquirer (Nov 18, 1984), TV week, p. 4.