F6895  THE FOURTH WAR (USA, 1990)
(Other titles: Conflit; Powerplay)

**Credits:** director, John Frankenheimer; writers, Stephen Peters, Kenneth Ross.
**Cast:** Roy Scheider, Jurgen Prochnow, Tim Reid, Lara Harris.

**Summary:** Thriller set in Czechoslovakia and West Germany in 1988. On the border between the two, an American colonel (Scheider) and a Soviet colonel (Prochnow) begin a personal feud that grows to a vendetta that could pull the whole world into war. Both are hardliners and veterans of losing wars (Vietnam and Afghanistan) seeking to retain a sense of professional purpose in a period of warming international relations.

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