G7270 GRAZIE, ZIA (ITALY, 1968)
(Other titles: Come play with me; Grazie, Tia; Thank you, aunt)

Credits: director, Salvatore Samperi; writers, Sergio Bazzini, Pier Giuseppe Murgia, Salvatore Samperi.
Cast: Lisa Gastoni, Lou Castel, Gabriele Ferzetti.
Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary Italy. Alvise (Castel), the 17-year-old son of a wealthy Italian financier, has developed a psychosomatic paralysis which keeps him in a wheelchair. He plays miniature war games based on the war in Vietnam and reads comic books. When his parents travel to Hong Kong, Alvise is sent to stay with his youthful aunt Lea (Gastoni), a doctor who has been the mistress of journalist Stefano (Ferzetti) for 15 years. Lea becomes dissatisfied with her relationship with Stefano. Alvise becomes infatuated with aunt Lea. The therapy and care Lea provides Alvise develops into a strange erotic and psychological battle between them.

“Grazie, Zia” American Film Institute catalog [GB] (Entry F6.1931)
Lanning, Michael Lee. “Thank you, aunt” Vietnam at the movies [GB] (p. 328)
Williams, Tony. “Grazie, Zia” Vietnam war films [GB] (Entry 247)