M8620 MURDER SHE WROTE (9/1984-5/1996) [TV SERIES]

Series summary: Jessica Fletcher (Lansbury) is a former substitute English teacher turned mystery writer. She travels about the country to promote her series of novels. Murders always seem to occur when she is around and she cannot resist investigating.

Footnote to murder (3/10/1985)

Credits: director, Peter Crane; writer, Robert Swanson
Cast: Angela Lansbury, Paul Sand, Pat Harrington
Summary: At a literary awards banquet, an aging burnt-out novelist is promoting his comeback book as “the definitive novel about the Vietnam War.” The novelist attempts to use the work to seduce a young woman who is actually a literary editor on the make, hoping for a chance to handle the book. They are interrupted by the novelist’s ex-wife. When the novelist is found murdered, it is learned that he only spent two weeks in Vietnam as a Playboy correspondent. The novel was actually written by a young veteran who had given it to the established novelist for a critical reading. The young veteran becomes the prime suspect in the murder.