N5610 1969 (USA, 1988)

Credits: director/writer, Ernest Thompson.
Cast: Robert Downey, Jr., Kiefer Sutherland, Bruce Dern, Mariette Hartley.
Summary: Melodrama set in the U.S. in 1969. Story of teenagers opposed to the Vietnam War and their parents. Ralph and Scott (Downey and Sutherland) are college sophomores who hitchhike home in time to see Scott’s Marine brother leave for Vietnam. Later, their mothers (Hartley and Cassidy) and Ralph’s sister Beth (Ryder) visit them at school where they watch a student takeover of a campus building turn into a violent confrontation with police. Beth protests the war during her high school commencement and acid-tripping Ralph is arrested for breaking into a draft board office. Beth and Scott start out for Canada, but change their minds and return home to continue the fight and get Ralph out of jail.

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