**R6400 ROLLING THUNDER (USA, 1977)**
(Other titles: Mann mit der Stahlkralle)

**Credits:** director, John Flynn; writers, Paul Schrader, Heywood Gould.
**Cast:** William Devane, Tommy Lee Jones, Linda Haynes, Lisa Richards.
**Summary:** Action/adventure/revenge film set in contemporary Texas and Mexico. After eight years in a POW camp in Hanoi, Air Force Major Charles Rane (Devane) returns home to Texas where he is given a hero's welcome. Charlie's homecoming includes the gift of a Cadillac convertible, and several thousand silver dollars (one for each day he was imprisoned). He also gets the news that his wife has fallen in love with another man and wants a divorce. Four thugs break in to Charlie's home to steal his silver dollars. Charlie refuses to tell where the money is hidden, and the thieves mutilate his right hand and then murder his wife and son. Charlie is left for dead. Questioned by the police in the hospital, he feigns amnesia. After weeks in the hospital, he is released with a hook replacing his injured hand. After training himself to shoot left-handed, Charlie enlists the help of Sgt. Johnny Vohden (Jones), a fellow ex-POW. Together, they trace the thieves to a brothel in Juarez, Mexico where they take revenge.

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