S6922 SPECIAL BULLETIN (USA, 3/20/1983) [TV]

Credits: director, Edward Zwick; writer, Marshall Herskowitz.
Cast: Ed Flanders, Kathryn Walker, Roxanne Hart, David Clennon.
Summary: Thriller set in contemporary South Carolina. Anti-nuclear terrorists threaten to detonate a nuclear bomb if their anti-nuclear demands are not met! The story is presented as if it were live news coverage. Vietnam is not an issue, “but the spectre of Vietnam haunts the film’s treatment of the news media’s approach to war protest and the shallow, often self-serving ‘coverage’ of devastating events” (c.f. Robert Cumbow in Vietnam War films). The ex-Pentagon weapons expert (Clennon) who leads the protest served as an advisor in Vietnam and a TV photographer who is taken hostage is a former Vietnam combat cameraman.

Cumbow, Robert C. “Special bulletin” Vietnam war feature filmography (1992 draft) [GB] (p. 367-8) and Vietnam war films [GB] (Entry 558)

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