T4260  THANKS OF A GRATEFUL NATION  (USA, 5/31/1998)  [TV]

Credits: director, Rod Holcomb; writer, John Sacret Young.
Cast: Ted Danson, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Brian Dennehy, Marg Helgenberger.
Summary: Melodrama set in the U.S. in the 1990s. The 1991 Persian Gulf War is a military triumph for the United States. But when thousands of returning veterans start to develop medical problems, it appears that the military is trying to downplay or ignore the situation. It takes perseverance on the part of military families and members of Congress to bring to light the dilemma and prompt action on the part of the government. Jim Tuite (Danson) is a retired Secret Service agent and Vietnam veteran who is reluctantly drawn into the investigation of what he comes to believe is a conspiracy to deny Gulf War veterans deserved medical treatment.

Bentley, Rick. “Unsung heroes: Cable film shows how returning Desert Storm veterans have been abandoned by the American government” Fresno bee (May 28, 1998), p. E3.
Miller, Ron. “Showtime crafts a powerful drama of Gulf War syndrome” Des Moines register (May 31, 1998), Iowa TV, p. 2.
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