T4785 THUNDERHEART (USA, 1992)
(Other titles: Coeur de tonnerre; Cuore di tuono; Halblut)

Credits: director, Michael Apted; writer, John Fusco.
Cast: Val Kilmer, Sam Shepard, Graham Greene.
Summary: Mystery set in contemporary South Dakota. Ray Levoi (Kilmer), a young, part-Sioux FBI agent is sent to solve a murder on a South Dakota Indian reservation and try to prevent civil war from erupting between tribal factions. There he meets the irreverent local sheriff (Greene) and the tribe’s religious leader, who helps the agent begin to understand his lost heritage. Gradually, he learns that the U.S. government has framed an innocent man, but finds that he and those around him are thrown into danger by his knowledge. Experienced older FBI agent Frank Coutelle (Shepard), who has been working on the reservation for some years, is in league with corrupt Indian authorities to crush reform-minded Indian militants. Two of the film’s characters are Vietnam veterans: Coutelle and militant Jimmy Looks Twice (Trudell). Both are alienated with a propensity towards violence.

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