

B5800 BLUE THUNDER (USA, 1983)

(Other titles: Sinja stella; Tonnerre de feu; Tuono blu)

Credits: director, John Badham ; writers, Dan O'Bannon, Don Jakoby.

Cast: Roy Scheider, Malcolm McDowell, Candy Clark.

Summary: Action/adventure film set in contemporary Los Angeles. LAPD and Vietnam veteran pilot Frank Murphy (Schneider) is chosen to test the capabilities of a high-speed, high-tech helicopter called Blue Thunder. It can see through walls, record a whisper or level a city block. The helicopter has supposedly been furnished to Los Angeles by the military to combat possible terrorist activities during the 1984 Olympics. Distrusting the military mentality behind Blue Thunder, Murphy and his partner (Stern) are testing it's surveillance capabilities when they overhear and record the conversations of a cabal whose aim is to use the remarkable craft as a tool to overthrow the U.S. government. The cabal is headed by Col. Cochrane (McDowell) an old adversary of Murphy from Vietnam. Murphy steals Blue Thunder and flies her against police and military opposition while his friends race to make their tapes of the plot public

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