

D2760 DARK SKIES (9/21/1996-5/31/1997) [TV SERIES]

Series summary: Science fiction television series set in the 1960's. Follows an idealistic congressional aide, John Loengard (Close), and his fiance Kimberly Sayers (Ward), as John investigates Air Force handling of UFO sightings. John's quest for the truth leads him to Majestic-12, a secret government operation (above all offices and law) dealing with extra-terrestrials.

Both sides now (3/8/1997)

Credits: director, unknown ; writer, Melissa Rosenberg.

Cast: Eric Close, Megan Ward, J.T. Walsh, Charley Lang.

Summary: As Steele works on Sayers to willingly accept returning to the Hive, Loengard seeks anyone he believes can lead him to his wife. So, when Bach Juliet to Berkeley where the Hive is infiltrating the growing antiwar movement, John insists that he go along, to, unaware that he's being used to locate Kim. Although John spots her, he is unable to stop Kim from joining Steele on a trip to visit her son. And as John and Juliet question antiwar activist Jerry Rubin about her whereabouts, back in Washington Bach sees that the Vietnam War can be used to increase funding for Majestic.

Strangers in the night (3/24/1997)

Credits: director, Michael Levine; writer, Brad Markowitz.

Cast: Eric Close, Megan Ward, J.T. Walsh.

Summary: Following a disturbing message from the Soviet Union's counterpart to Majestic, Bach assembles a team that includes Loengard, Juliet and Army Major Colin Powell to investigate. While the team discovers most of Aura-Z's personnel are dead, they find a pair of researchers who survived. As Ludmilla and Pavel tell of experiments with prisoners that backfired and of the convicts who are now holding the head of Aura-Z and Juliet's mentor, Colonel Dmitri Mironov, back in the US, Bach enlists astronomer Carl Sagan in an effort to find the Hive's home planet. Includes references to the Vietnam War.

White rabbit (2/1/1997)

Credits: director, James Contner ; writer, Bryce Zabel, Brent V. Friedman.

Cast: Eric Close, Megan Ward, J.T. Walsh, Jeri Lynn Ryan.

Summary: Loengard (Close) is forced to go to South Vietnam to locate and recover or destroy an alien spaceship which crash landed near the Laotian border. The aliens, it seems, had built undersea bases in the Gulf of Tonkin. The "Gulf of Tonkin incident" in 1964 was really a cover for a joint Soviet-American operation to destroy these bases. The ship Loengard is sent to find is all that escaped. Accompanied by a local Vietnamese guide, Loengard finds the ship, but discovers one of the aliens has survived and hidden in a Viet Cong tunnel complex. The Viet Cong have stripped the ship. Frank Bach (Walsh) arrives to help Loengard track down and kill the surviving alien, but both are captured by the VC. Loengard escapes, calls in a helicopter rescue flight, and gets Bach out before a final napalm strike kills everything in the area.

Richmond, Ray. "Dark skies" Variety 364 (Sep 23-29, 1996), p. 51.