

M3765 MESSAGE FROM NAM (USA, 10/17 AND 10/19/1993) [TV]
(Other titles: Danielle Steel's Message from Nam)

Credits: director, Paul Wendkos ; writer, Suzanne Clauser ; story, Danielle Steel.

Cast: Jenny Robertson, Nick Mancuso, Ed Flanders, Ted Marcoux.

Summary: Melodrama set in California and Vietnam in the 1960s. Story of a Paxton Andrews (Robertson), a young Southern woman, who defies her family's wishes in order to go to Berkeley in 1964 and become a journalist. While at Berkeley she becomes romantically involved with a law student who is eventually drafted and sent to Vietnam where he is killed. After graduation, Paxton gets a newspaper job in Vietnam and spends the next seven years there writing an acclaimed newspaper column. She discovers romance anew with Sergeant Tony Campobello (Mancuso). He ends up missing in action, but in the final moments of the film, as the last Americans are escaping from the US Embassy roof by helicopter, Paxton finds Tony and they fly away together with the orphan Amerasian daughter of another correspondent.

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