

## **P2230 THE PACKAGE (USA, 1989)**

(Other titles: Killer brigade; Killerbrigade; Operation crepuscule)

**Credits:** director, Andrew Davis ; writer, John Bishop.

**Cast:** Gene Hackman, Joanna Cassidy, Tommy Lee Jones, John Heard, Dennis Franz.

**Summary:** Political thriller set in contemporary West Germany, Washington (D.C.) and Chicago. The Soviet Union and United States are about to sign a nuclear agreement in Chicago that will end the Cold War. Within the negotiation teams are conspirators from the military and intelligence communities on both sides who are against the treaty. Their plan is to kill the Secretary General of the Soviet Union when he arrives in Chicago. Thomas Boyette, (Jones) a Vietnam vet, has been chosen as the assassin. The conspirators intend to bring Boyette to Chicago from Germany under a false identity. Because of a conflict between MSgt. John Gallagher (Hackman) and a colonel who is a major player in the conspiracy, Gallagher is selected as the escort for Boyette, whom Gallagher believes is being returned to the U.S. for court martial. Once in the U.S., Boyette escapes, and Gallagher, with the help of his ex-wife (also an Army colonel), pursues him to Chicago. There, with the help of Chicago Police detective Milan Delich (Franz) (a buddy from Vietnam), Gallagher manages to thwart the conspiracy.

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