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## **P3050 THE PENTAGON PAPERS (USA, 3/9/2003) [TV]**

**Credits:** director, Rod Holcomb ; writer, Jason Horwitch.

**Cast:** James Spader, Paul Giamatti, Claire Forlani, Alan Arkin, Jonas Chernick.

**Summary:** Political melodrama set in Washington, D.C. and California from the 1960s thru 1971. Defense Dept. researcher Daniel Ellsberg (Spader) who first supported the war and undertook a fact-finding mission there, seeks to publish a series of classified government documents detailing the true nature of America's involvement in Vietnam and revealing considerable miscalculation and deception on the part of policymakers.

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