

## 'G.I. Joe 3' Nabs 'Section 6' Writer (Exclusive)



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**D.J. Caruso is already on board to direct the latest installment of the action movies based on the Hasbro toys.**

Aaron Berg, the writer behind *Section 6*, the hot spec that detailed the origins of British intelligence agency MI6, is now tackling a different mission.

The scribe has been tapped to pen a new script for *G.I. Joe 3*, and will work with director D.J. Caruso to revamp the action franchise based on the Hasbro toyline.

The first two installments have proven to be box office hits — *Rise of Cobra* grossed \$302 million while 2013's *Retaliation* shot up \$375 million — although fans have not exactly been crying “Go, Joe!” for sequels.

Paramount hopes to change that with Caruso and Berg.

Lorenzo di Bonaventura is producing.

Berg became a hot commodity when his *Section 6* spec caused a bidding war, with Universal ponying up \$1.2 million against \$2 million in late 2013. The project, however, provoked a lawsuit from MGM and *James Bond* rights holder Danjaq who claimed it was a Bond knockoff.

The suit was settled in January, and now the project, with Joe Cornish attached to direct and Jack O'Connell attached to star, is moving forward.

Berg is represented by CAA, Management 360 and attorney Rob Szymanski.