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After extensive talks, Ambassador Henry Kissinger and Secretary of State Dean Rusk announced the signing of the Vietnam Peace Accords. It was an unprecedented joint declaration of peace between a superpower and a small nation, marking the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.



The Vietnam Peace Accords, signed in 1973, ended the 14-year Vietnam War. It was a landmark moment in U.S. history, marking the end of the Vietnam War and the beginning of a new era of peace and cooperation between the United States and Vietnam.

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— Dag Hammarskjöld, *Reflections on the Work of the United Nations*, 1961



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After consulting with President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Hammarskjöld speaks a speech before the United Nations General Assembly in New York. He is the first non-American to be elected Secretary-General of the United Nations.



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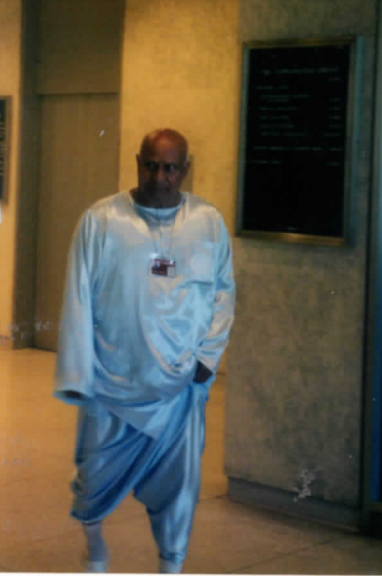
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