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The White House yesterday confirmed reports that President Ford will nominate Daniel P. Moynihan, former ambassador to India, to be the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations succeeding John A. Scali.

Scali has represented the United States at the United Nations since Feb. 2, 1973. He has been offered "another senior foreign policy position," the White House said.

In New York, Scali said he is considering the offer "along with several opportunities to return to private life." Before entering federal service in 1971, Scali was a TV news reporter for the American Broadcasting Co.

Moynihan, 42, who has friendly ties with third world countries, was ambassador to India from 1973 to 1975.

Previously he served as counselor to President Nixon and was a member of Mr. Nixon's cabinet from November, 1969, to January, 1971.

He is now a professor at Harvard University.

Scali, 57, has held the U.N. post since February, 1973. The word that he was being replaced was reported several weeks ago before Scali himself was informed by the White House.

Press secretary Ron Nessen said yesterday that Scali "is being offered another senior foreign policy position in the government."

Nessen refused to describe Scali's new job, declaring, "I just can't say anything more about that."

Asked why Scali was being replaced, Nessen replied, "I don't have any answer." He added "the President does want you to know he considers John Scali an outstanding ambassador at the United Nations. He has the President's full confidence."

Moynihan aroused controversy during his White House years when he recommended "benign neglect" as an approach toward the nation's blacks in that period.

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