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..... Politbureau member Le Duc Tho has rejected the Nobel Peace Prize, jointly awarded him with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The official Vietnam News Agency, in a broadcast monitored here, says Le Duc Tho's rejection was contained in a message sent to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee of the Norwegian Parliament in Oslo. In this message Le Duc Tho was quoted as saying, "I feel it impossible to accept the Nobel Peace Prize because the U.S. and South Vietnam have continued to commit very serious violations of the Paris Vietnam agreement and peace has not been really restored in South Vietnam." Le Duc Tho concluded by saying, "When the Paris agreement is respected, the guns silenced and peace really restored, I will consider acceptance of this prize. I take this opportunity to thank the Committee and to renew to you ~~considerations~~ assurances of my high consideration."

This is Andrew Adams, ^{for} CBS News in Tokyo.