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American electrical engineer and physicist whose name has become synonymous with the sophisticated noise reduction system he developed in the mid-1960s. In 1963 Dolby accepted a two-year appointment as a United Nations advisor in India, before founding Dolby Laboratories in England in 1965. Among his many achievements, Dolby holds more than 50 U.S. patents and has been presented with numerous awards, including an Oscar in 1989 and the U.S. National Medal of Technology in 1997.