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United States "federal Indian law" consists of a body of rules rooted in the colonial doctrine of "Christian discovery." Viewed through the lens of Carl Schmitt's concept of "sovereign ban," Christian discovery creates a "state of exception," ...

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To mark the federation of the Australian colonies in January 1901, a re-enactment of the landing of British navigator Captain James Cook was performed at Botany Bay, New South Wales. This involved not only the arrival of Cook's 'discovery' party ashore, but also a violent conflict with the local Gweagal/Dharawal people. ...

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