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“In the power relations of states communication is rarely effective. Furthermore, diplomatic communication is universally within a framework of conventional wisdom that does not invite consideration of policy alternatives and options that are possible.” (1969, s 55).

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