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I fear that U.K. views about participation in this event are unlikely to carry much weight with the organisers. In any case the process is already well advanced and I doubt whether it would be possible to introduce new names. But you would mention the thought to Helmut Schmidt & friends.

1 The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary sent me a copy of his minute to you of 14 November about the preparations for a limited summit of developed and developing countries.

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2 I see that the organisers are still at the stage of sounding out potential participants in the summit meeting in Mexico City in June 1981. While this process is going on I wonder if some account could be taken of my own feeling that it is odd that not one of the success stories in the developing world, like Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea, who have successfully pulled themselves up by a combination of their own efforts and free market economics, has been invited. I realise that Hong Kong and Taiwan, for different reasons, are disqualified from participation in international gatherings but Singapore and South Korea seem likely to make a much better contribution (and one, moreover, more sympathetic to our own point of view) than Algeria, Tanzania or Bangladesh.

3 I am copying this minute to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and to the other recipients of his minute.

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