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30 March 1961

WH/L/CI - Pierson

Defection Program

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1. When I phoned COBB this AM, she informed me that she had heard over the radio last night that Luis BUCH and two other functionaries had arrived in Key West, and that a great emotional scene had ensued. The broadcast also indicated tht BUCH had been workng with the underground.
2. I have informed both FI and PROP. Dave Phillips was interested since he had been told by some "high authority" in WAVE not to reasease anything on the defection at this time. He also said that they knew the identities of the "2 other functionaries" but hadn't released the names.
3. The broadcast was called:

Tribuna Democratica (Spanish language program)
 WHOM - New York
 2200 hours
 29 March 1961

*Get name of Dave's source = Carlos TODD
 former newspaperman Havana*

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