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Defection Program

1. When I phoned COBS 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 working 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 release 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)  
 WCOM - New York  
 2200 hours  
 29 March 1961

Get name of Dave's source: Carlos TODD  
 former group. former Habana.

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