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- 1 Marek Olbrycht deals with Andragoras, the Seleucid governor of Parthia, who according to Justin (41.4.6-8), was killed by Arsakes I once the Parthian invaded and took control of his satrapy. According to Wolski, the later historian Appian (Syr. 65) reported the revolt of the satrap Andragoras himself against the Seleucids a few years before Arsakes' coming into the scene (245 BC). A close analysis of the coins attributed to the supposedly disloyal satrap reveals characteristics that suggest a claim of independence from the central Seleucid power, including the display of the diadem and portrait traits similar to those of the contemporary king Antiochos II. The coinage and its geographical spreading suggest that Andragoras aspired to and enjoyed a substantial level of independence, even if he never officially claimed the title of king in both Parthia and Bactria, before the rise of Arsakes.

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