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- 1 Marek Olbrycht here discusses the military activity of the Great King Mithridates I (ca. 165-133/2 BC). He was the protagonist of the first phase of territorial expansion of the Parthian kingdom. He created an empire stretching from the Euphrates to the Hindukush and the Indus basin. According to the author, the new dating for Mithridates' death provided by Babylonian cuneiform texts (133/132 BC), which is now preferred to the previous 138 BC, the dating of the king's last coins, can help to clarify the extent of that expansion better. After 138 BC thus after having faced Demetrios II attack from the west, Mithridates I had the time to launch a second expedition against Bactriana and conquered Arachosia and Drangiana, reaching as far as the Indus basin and the Hydaspes river, as attested by western sources, including Orosius (5.4.16) and Diodorus (33.18).

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