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| <p>On 23 June 1961 AMOT-87 reported the following information about relations between AMDIP-1 and Major Robert E. Van Horn, USAF, Assistant Air Attache to Cuba assigned to the Miami area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On 2 June 1961 Major Van Horn received a phone call in his Miami office. Miguel GARCIA, aka "Fatty", an old friend of the Air Attache Office in Havana and now an official of the FRD in Miami of the AMDIP-1 faction, was calling Major Van Horn on behalf of AMDIP-1 who was standing next to him by the phone. This is known to be true because he and GARCIA could be overheard while GARCIA relayed him the conversation. GARCIA told Major Van Horn that the purpose of the phone call was to make an appointment for AMDIP-1 to see Van Horn on that same day. He said AMDIP-1 was leaving for Washington and wanted to discuss with Van Horn certain information he had received to the effect that Alberto ALBERTI, who was acting as Chief of the Liberation Air Force, was trying to overthrow the Revolutionary Council and that Van Horn had something to do with this too. Van Horn told GARCIA to inform AMDIP-1 that he was mistaken about his having any part in the alleged ALBERTI plot to overthrow the Council; that he was in contact with ALBERTI in the capacity of Assistant Air Attache complying with his duties of liaison with the Cuban pilots in Miami, and that as far as he knew, ALBERTI was not attempting to overthrow the Council. GARCIA relayed this information to AMDIP-1, and again told Van Horn that AMDIP-1 wished to have an interview with him before going to Washington and informing U.S. officials about the "plot". Van Horn informed GARCIA that he was very sorry but he could not see AMDIP-1 as he was extremely busy making the final preparations for a conference of Air Attaches and Mission Chiefs which he and the Air Attache, Colonel Stevers, had to attend in Panama the coming Monday (this was Friday), and also that AMDIP-1 was beyond his jurisdiction and he had no authority to talk to him: GARCIA then said that was too bad, and that AMDIP-1 would be forced to submit his report to Washington without discussing the problem with Van Horn. From 5 June through 8 June, Colonel Stevers and Major Van Horn were in the Canal Zone attending the conference of Air Attaches and Mission Chiefs to Latin America. During the conference they had the opportunity to talk with some of the heads of the Air Attache Branch who told them that the Branch was very pleased with the work they were doing in Miami and that they were considering the possibility | | | |
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of assigning Major Van Horn to the Miami area indefinitely in view of the results of the work done by the Air Attache Office. Colonel Stevers was not mentioned because he is to retire from the Air Force as of July 1961. Previous plans had been to disband the Air Attache Office in Miami as of 30 June 1961, so the possibility of Major Van Horn's indefinite assignment was a recent development. The general feeling was that the Air Attache Branch approved of the work done and wanted to continue with it. Colonel Stevers and Major Van Horn returned to Miami on 8 June 1961.

5. On 9 June 1961, Major Van Horn received an urgent phone call from the Air Attache Branch in Washington asking him to report to their office at 9:00 A.M. on 11 June. They were very upset because the "House" was demanding Major Van Horn's appearance before Mr. Goodwin to discuss a serious problem. They gave Major Van Horn the impression that it was connected with AMDIP-1's accusation of a plot to overthrow the Council.
6. Major Van Horn left Miami for Washington on 11 June, and it is understood by AMOT-87 that by Wednesday, or Thursday, 14 June, at the latest, Major Van Horn had already appeared before all the persons who were interested in talking to him. However, he was asked to remain in Washington and make himself available for consultations on the Cuban problem for a few more days. It is believed that he was returning to Miami on 23 June.
7. Van Horn phoned his Miami office from Washington to say that the Air Attache Office was breaking up as of 30 June, and advised the office staff that they should suspend all operations until his return, at which time they would get the files ready for shipment to Washington.

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