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Fuhlendorf stated that on March 4, 1977, Vanderslice gave him every indication that he was going to keep his appointment with the FBI, and told him that he knew where the office was located. He advised that the possibility exists that Vanderslice might have been untruthful, or he could have gotten cold feet because of all the publicity surrounding the reinvestigation of the President Kennedy assassination.