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BODY TO BE COMPARED WITH HOFFA CHARTS

Pennsylvania Coroner Asks for Dental Records to Check Skeleton Found Monday

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 27—The coroner of a rural Pennsylvania county said tonight that he was asking the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the dental charts of James R. Hoffa, the former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who has been missing since July 1975, in hopes of identifying a skeleton found Monday in thick underbrush near Bethany, Pa. The skeleton was brought to New York and examination and dental charts were completed on it this afternoon.

A spokesman for the F.B.I.'s field office in Detroit said that the agency would send Mr. Hoffa's dental charts for comparison and cooperate in every way but had not yet opened a formal inquiry.

Robert F. Jennings, coroner of Wayne

County, Pa., said that the skeleton was discovered by a hunter pursuing a wounded wild turkey through thick underbrush. The skeleton, wrapped in plastic, was lodged in thick laurel. It had been dismembered and was not clothed, he said.

Mr. Jennings said that the skeleton had extensive gold dental work and "we felt right from the beginning it had to be a well-to-do person."

"We're in a rural area, and we have no expertise in this area," he continued. He called for assistance on Tuesday from Dr. Dominick J. DiMaio, chief medical examiner in New York City.

The examination had shown that the skeleton was a white man between the age of 55 and 60, between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 7 inches tall, Mr. Jennings said. Mr. Hoffa was 62 years old when he disappeared July 30, 1975. He was 5 feet, 5 and one-half inches tall. Mr. Hoffa had had extensive gold dental work.

Mr. Jennings said he had not thought immediately that the skeleton might belong to Mr. Hoffa but that the dismemberment had led him to believe it might be that of the victim of a gangland slaying.

After inquiries from reporters today, Mr. Jennings said that he called James P. Hoffa, Mr. Hoffa's son, for further physical information to aid in identifying the skeleton.

The F.B.I. has conducted a nationwide investigation into Mr. Hoffa's disappearance. Dozens of witnesses have been questioned by a Federal grand jury in Detroit and thousands of tips have been made about his whereabouts. F.B.I. agents have checked the identities of several bodies initially thought to be that of Mr. Hoffa but each has been identified as someone else.

Mr. Hoffa disappeared in the early afternoon of July 30, 1975, from the parking lot of a restaurant in suburban Bloomfield Hills, Mich., where he reportedly had gone to meet Anthony Giacalone, a reputed organized crime figure in Detroit.