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Skeleton Found in Mexico
Is Diplomat's, U.S. Says

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—The United States Embassy says that the skeleton discovered last Sunday in the bed of a creek near Hermosillo has been identified as the remains of John S. Patterson, its vice consul, who had been kidnapped.

Ambassador Joseph J. Jova made the announcement last night and extended condolences to the widow and mother of the 31-year-old diplomat, who disappeared from the consulate in Hermosillo on March 22.

The Mexican authorities said yesterday that the abduction had been carried out by persons from the United States seeking a \$500,000 ransom, not by politically motivated Mexican terrorists. Bobby Joe Kee-see, 40, a California carpenter, is being held in San Diego on Federal charges of having planned and participated in the kidnapping. He has pleaded not guilty.