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Issues: (1) Whether a voluntary confession by a defendant—who has neither requested nor been refused counsel—is inadmissible in a state criminal trial because investigating officers did not advise him of his right to consult with counsel and his right to remain silent.

- (2) Whether such a confession is inadmissible because prosecution did not establish that the defendant made a knowing and intelligent waiver of his rights to consult counsel and remain silent.
- (3) Whether such a confession is inadmissible where the record does not affirmatively establish that defendant was <u>not</u> advised of his rights and did <u>not</u> waive them.

After a jury trial, Stewart was convicted of robbery and murder. The California Supreme Court reversed the conviction on the basis of Escobedo.

The state contends that Escobedo should not control because of Stewart's failure to request counsel. Moreover, the state should not be given the burden of showing that it properly advised defendant of his rights and that he waived them. "A defendant should bear the burden of establishing that he did not know his rights and did not waive them

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Respondent argues that since the state may retry him, the judgment on review is not a "final judgment or decree" within the meaning of § 1257(3). The reversal of Stewart's conviction simply remands the case "for a new trial and places the parties in the same position as if the case had never been tried,"

Only an acquittal would qualify as a final judgment.

Respondent points out that at the new trial the prosecution may be able to establish that Stewart waived his right to counsel before he confessed.

But, as the state rejoins, this assumes the validity of respondent's own position on the merits. The question is whether the burden of proof should be imposed on the state.

Stewart also argues that the questions on review may be mooted if he prevails on the "reserved" issue that his confession was involuntary. But reversal of the conviction was based on <u>Dorado</u> and <u>Escobedo</u>—this ruling would govern introduction of confession at new trial apart from issue of involuntariness.

The cases cited by Stewart may be distinquished as involving interlocutory pre-trial order. Review in this type of case was anticipated in a footnote in Rogers v. Richmond, 365 U.S. 534, 546.