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- [1] SOUTHIN, J.A.: This is an appeal by the appellant, who was convicted of a narcotics offence.
- [2] The essential ground of appeal is that the interpreter at the trial, who was there to interpret from the Vietnamese language to the English language and vice versa, was hopelessly incompetent.
- [3] The Crown, I assume, has concluded that whether "hopelessly" is the right word or not, the interpretation was not conducted according to a standard which provided for the accused a fair trial.
- [4] On that footing, I would allow the appeal.
- [5] HALL, J.A.: I agree.
- [6] MACKENZIE, J.A.: I agree. "The Honourable Madam Justice Southin"

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