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ARTHUR B. LEFFLER

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income and Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) 1970.

State of New York County of Albany

JANET MACK , being duly sworn, deposes and says that

she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 23rd day of December , 1974, she served the within

Notice of Decision (xxx Determination) by (certified) mail upon ARTHUR B. LEFFLER

(representative xxxx) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

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Mr. Arthur B. Leffler

57 Ogden Avenue

White Plains, New York 10605

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and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representational RECK) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representational RECK) petitioner.

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23rd day of

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

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(representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

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Frederick E. Thorne, C.P.A.

Janet mack

624 Palisade Avenue

Yonkers, New York 10703

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

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> Albany, New York December 23, 1974

Mr. Arthur B. Leffler 57 Ogden Avenue White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Leffler:

Please take notice of the of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 690 and 722 of the Tax Law, of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within from the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Enc.

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CC: Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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ARTHUR B. LEFFLER

DECISION

:

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income and Unincorporated Business Taxes under Articles 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the year 1970.

Petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, has filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of personal income and unincorporated business taxes under Articles 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the year 1970. (File No. 0-58873892). A formal hearing was held before Paul B. Coburn, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 2 World Trade Center, New York, New York, on October 24, 1974, at 2:45 P.M. Petitioner appeared by Frederick E. Thorne, C.P.A. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Saul Heckelman, Esq., (Solomon Sies, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUES

I. Did petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler's selling activities during the year 1970 constitute the carrying on of an unincorporated business?

II. Did petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, have reasonable cause for failing to file a New York State unincorporated business tax return for the year 1970?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, and his wife filed a
 New York State combined income tax return for the year 1970. He
 did not file a New York State unincorporated business tax return for
 said year.
- 2. On May 21, 1973, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, imposing unincorporated business tax in the sum of \$1,265.90 upon the income received by him from his activities as a sales representative during the year 1970. It also imposed penalties in the total sum of \$443.07 for failure to file a New York State unincorporated business tax return and pay New York State unincorporated business tax for said year. It further imposed additional personal income tax in the sum of \$21.56 in connection with a disallowance of a portion of claimed employee business expenses, which latter item is not being contested by petitioner. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$1,892.73.

- 3. During the year 1970, petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, was a leather goods salesman. He represented five firms in the sale of said merchandise. Two of the firms were affiliated. The products sold for each firm were noncompetitive. He did not maintain an office or have any employees.
- 4. During the year 1970, one of the firms for whom petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, sold merchandise withheld Federal and New York State income taxes and social security tax from a portion of the commission income paid to him. It also covered him for workmen's compensation, unemployment, and group life insurance. He received approximately one-half of his gross compensation from this firm. The other firms for whom he sold merchandise did not withhold the aforesaid taxes from the commissions paid to him or carry the aforesaid types of insurance on him. He was not reimbursed for any of his business expenses. The firms for which he sold merchandise did not exercise any substantial direction or control over his sales activities or techniques or over the time he devoted to sales, except to limit the territory in which he could sell.
- 5. Petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, was advised by his accountant that he was not required to file a New York State unin-corporated business tax return for the year 1970.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the income received by petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, from the firms that he represented during the year 1970 constituted income from his regular business of selling leather goods and not compensation as an employee exempt from the imposition of the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(b) of the Tax Law.
- B. That the aforesaid activities of petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, during the year 1970 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business and his income derived there was subject to the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.
- C. That petitioner, Arthur B. Leffler, had reasonable cause for not filing a New York State unincorporated business tax return for the year 1970, and, therefore, the penalties assessed pursuant to sections 685(a)(1) and 685(a)(2) of the Tax Law are waived.
- D. That the petition of Arthur B. Leffler is granted to the extent of cancelling the penalties imposed pursuant to sections 685(a)(1) and 685(a)(2) of the Tax Law in the sum of \$443.07; that the Income Tax Bureau is hereby directed to accordingly modify the

Notice of Deficiency issued May 21, 1973; and, that except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York
December 23, 1974

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