In the Matter of the Petition

of

GASTON BERTHELOT

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY KORRIANIED MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article (st) 22 Tax Law for the Year(s) 1968.

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 , 1975, she served the within age, and that on the 23rd day of May Notice of Decision (CONTRECTMENTATION) by (KERNIXING) mail upon GASTON BERTHELOT

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

wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. Gaston Berthelot 9 Place des Vosges Paris, IV, France

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 (XHATELEME of petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (xepresentative xxxxx) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

23rd day of

AD-1.30 (1/74)

AD 32 (8-74) 50M Department of Taxation and Finance STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY, N. Y. 12227 STATE CAMPUS Volum to writer

· No certified mail service provided

Mr. Gaston Berthelot

9 Place des Vosges

to torcign country

Paris, IV, France

CERTIFIED No. 201534

In the Matter of the Petition

of

GASTON BERTHELOT

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

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income
Taxes under Article(x) 22 of the
Tax Law for the Year(x) 1968.

State of New York County of Albany

JANET MACK

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that

(representative xxx) the petitioner in the within

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

wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. Gaston Berthelot 9 Place des Vosges Paris, IV, France

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 (pepresentative xxx) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (pepresentative xxx) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

22nd day of May

1975.

In the Matter of the Petition

of

GASTON BERTHELOT

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

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income

Taxes under Article(x) 22 of the

Tax Law for the Year(x) 1968.

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 22nd day of May , 1975, she served the within Notice of Decision (MEXTEXAMENTALEMENT) by (certified) mail upon GEORGE RUBINOFF, C.P.A.

(representative of) the petitioner in the within

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

wrapper addressed as follows:

George Rubinoff, C.P.A.

14-25 Plaza Road

Fairlawn, New Jersey 07410

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.

Sworn to before me this

22nd day of

Mav

1975



A. BRUCE MANLEY

MILTON KOERNER

STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

STATE TAX COMMISSION HEARING UNIT

> EDWARD ROOK SECRETARY TO COMMISSION

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

MR. WRIGHT 457-2655 MR. LEISNER 457-2657 MR. COBURN 457-2896

BUILDING 9, ROOM 214-A STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

AREA CODE 518

Albany, New York

Mr. Gaston Berthelot 9 Place des Vesges Paris, IV. France

Bear Mr. Berthelot:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section (m) 690 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.

Very truly yours,

Migel 6. Wright

Enc.

cc: Petitioner's Representative
Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of GASTON BERTHELOT

DECISION

for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1968.

Gaston Berthelot, 9 Place des Vosges, Paris, IV, France, filed a petition under section 689 of the Tax Law for a redetermination of a deficiency in personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1968.

Said deficiency was asserted by notice issued April 10, 1972, under File No. 8-16346156 and is in the amount of \$1,258.26 plus interest of \$225.57 for a total of \$1,483.83.

In lieu of a hearing, petitioner submits his case to the Commission for a decision on the file of the Income Tax Bureau.

Said file has been duly examined and considered.

ISSUE

The issue in the case is the propriety of certain deductions for photography and public relations fees.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner resided at 400 East 57 Street, New York, New York. He listed his occupation as designer. He was employed by

Christian Dior, New York, which had offices at 498 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York.

- 2. Petitioner was the joint owner of certain rental property with a David Massey. Petitioner and Mr. Massey also shared an apartment and had a joint bank account from which all disbursements were made.
- 3. Petitioner's 1968 tax return shows as deductions for employee business expenses the amount of \$10,000 as a photography fee paid to David Massey and \$182.80 for public relations.
- 4. Petitioner has not produced any checks or records to verify that the payments in question were, in fact, made.

 Petitioner has stated that his records for 1968 have been lost during a move to Paris, France in 1970.
- 5. Mr. Massey did report the \$10,000 as income on his own tax return. Petitioner has not produced Mr. Massey or any affidavit from Mr. Massey.
- 6. There is no evidence that the photographic fees in question, which allegedly involved photographing mannequins and drawings, or that the public relations fees were ordinary and necessary.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The mere fact that one person includes a certain amount in income does not imply that another person can take that amount as a deduction. In this case, an income-splitting arrangement between separate taxpayers cannot be precluded.

Petitioner has not carried the burden of proof that he is entitled to the deductions in question.

The deficiency is correct as issued and is due, together with such additional interest as shall be computed under section 681 of the Tax Law.

DATED: Albany, New York

May 22, 1975

STATE TAX COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER