In the Matter of the Petition

of

MICHEL FLIEGLER

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFOED) **MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income: Taxes under Article(\$) 22 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) 1968 and 1969:

State of New York County of Albany

JANET MACK

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that

(XEXPRESENCED WEAR TO THE PETITIONER IN the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. Michel Fliegler
60 Rensselaer Drive
Commack, New York 11725

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.

Sworn to before me this

8th day of May

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, 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 16thday of April , 1975, she served the within Notice of Decision (**experimention**) by (certified) mail upon MICHEL FLIEGLER

(representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

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16th day of April

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

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

DATED: Albany, New York April 16, 1975

Mr. Michel Fliegler 60 Rensselaer Drive Commack, New York 11725

Dear Mr. Fliegler:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(x) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months 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,

Enc.

MEARING OFFICER

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Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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MICHEL FLIEGLER

DECISION

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Years 1968 and 1969.

:

Petitioner, Michel Fliegler, residing at 60 Rensselaer

Drive, Commack, New York 11725, has filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under

Article 22 of the Tax Law for the years 1968 and 1969. (File

Nos. 11-2019753, 11-2034143 and 11-6031737.) A formal hearing

was held before Paul B. Coburn, Hearing Officer, at the offices

of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York,

on November 14, 1972, at 1:15 P.M. and March 2, 1973, at 10:30 A.M.

Petitioner appeared pro se. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by

Saul Heckelman, Esq., (Francis X. Boylan, Esq., and Solomon Sies, Esq.,

of counsel).

ISSUE

Is petitioner, Michel Fliegler, liable for unpaid withholding taxes due from Vari-Ohm Electronics, Lebo Electronics Corporation

and J.G. Parts Incorporated for various periods during the years 1968 and 1969?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- On January 26, 1970, the Income Tax Bureau issued a 1. Statement of Deficiency against petitioner, Michel Fliegler, imposing a penalty in the sum of \$2,048.50 which was equal to the alleged amount of New York State withholding taxes due from Vari-Ohm Electronics Incorporated for the period from October 1, 1968 through April 10, 1969, upon the grounds that he was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over said taxes and that he willfully failed to do so. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Deficiency, it issued a Notice of Deficiency against him in the sum of \$2,048.50. He did not file a petition with respect to the specific Notice of Deficiency, which was received by him, although he filed petitions with respect to Lebo Electronics Corporation and J.G. Parts Incorporated, which were wholly owned subsidiaries. However, for the purpose of this proceeding, the State Tax Commission will consider said petitions as also being a petition with reference to Vari-Ohm Electronics Corporation.
- 2. On January 26, 1970, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Deficiency against petitioner, Michel Fliegler, imposing a penalty in the sum of \$711.40 which was equal to

the alleged amount of New York State withholding taxes due from Lebo Electronics Corporation for the period from October 1, 1968 through April 10, 1969, upon the same grounds as set forth in paragraph "1" above. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency against him in the sum of \$711.40.

- 3. On January 26, 1970, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Deficiency against petitioner, Michel Fliegler, imposing a penalty in the sum of \$735.50 which was equal to the alleged amount of New York State withholding taxes due from J.G. Parts Incorporated for the periods from January 1, 1968 to January 31, 1968, and from January 1, 1969 to April 10, 1969, upon the same grounds as set forth in paragraph "1" above. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$735.50.
- 4. The amount of withholding taxes alleged to be due from Vari-Ohm Electronics Incorporated, Lebo Electronics Corporation and J.G. Parts Incorporated for the periods subsequent to December 31, 1968 were estimated by the Income Tax Bureau, since withholding tax returns for said subsequent periods were never filed by said corporations.
- 5. Vari-Ohm Electronics Incorporated, Lebo Electronics
 Corporation and J.G. Parts Incorporated filed petitions under

Chapter XI of the Bankruptcy Act and ceased doing business during the last week of February, 1969. The said corporations did not incur any liabilities for New York State withholding taxes subsequent to the month of February, 1969. The corporations did, however, fail to pay over to the Income Tax Bureau withholding taxes in the following amounts for the periods indicated:

Vari-Ohm Electronics Incorporated

Withholding Tax Period		Amount
October 1 - October 31, 1968		\$ 428.10
November 1 - December 31, 1968		626.40
January 1 - February 24, 1969		650.00
•	Total	\$1,704.50
Lebo Electronics Corporation		
Withholding Tax Period		Amount
October 1 - November 30, 1968		\$212.20
December 1 - December 31, 1968		64.20
January 1 - February 28, 1969		260.00
	Total	\$536.40
J.G. Parts Incorporated		
Withholding Tax Period		Amount
January 1 - January 31, 1968		\$185.00
January 1 - February 28, 1969		330.00
-	Total	\$515.00

6. Petitioner, Michel Fliegler, was a principal stockholder of Vari-Ohm Electronics Incorporated. Lebo Electronics Corporation and J.G. Parts Incorporated were wholly owned subsidiaries of Vari-Ohm Electronics Incorporated. Petitioner, Michel Fliegler, was vice-president of all three corporations. He signed corporate

checks. He signed and filed corporate New York State withholding tax returns without payment. He was aware that the obligations of the general creditors were being preferred to the obligations of New York State. He conceded at the formal hearing that he was a responsible officer of said corporations who willfully failed to collect, truthfully account for and pay over corporate withholding taxes due to New York State.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That petitioner, Michel Fliegler, as an officer of VariOhm Electronics Incorporated, Lebo Electronics Corporation and

 J.G. Parts Incorporated was a person required to collect, truthfully
 account for and pay over New York State withholding taxes due from
 said corporations in accordance with the meaning and intent of
 sections 674 and 685(n) of the Tax Law. However, since the corporations filed petitions in bankruptcy and ceased doing business
 during the last week of February, 1969, he is not liable for any
 alleged estimated unpaid withholding taxes subsequent to said date.
- B. That since petitioner, Michel Fliegler, willfully failed to collect, truthfully account for and pay over New York State withholding taxes due from Vari-Ohm Electronics Incorporated for the period from October 1, 1968 to February 24, 1969, in the sum of \$1,704.50 and due from Lebo Electronics Corporation for the

period from October 1, 1968 to February 26, 1969, in the sum of \$536.40 and due from J.G. Parts Incorporated for the periods from January 1, 1968 to January 31, 1968 and January 1, 1969 to February 28, 1969, in the sum of \$515.00, therefore, a penalty equal to the amounts of said unpaid withholding taxes should be assessed against him in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 685(g) of the Tax Law.

C. That the petitions of Michel Fliegler are granted to the extent of reducing the penalties imposed pursuant to section 685(g) of the Tax Law from \$2,048.50 to \$1,704.50 with reference to Vari-Ohm Electronics Incorporated and from \$711.40 to \$536.40 with reference to Lebo Electronics Corporation and from \$735.50 to \$515.00 with reference to J.G. Parts Incorporated; that the Income Tax Bureau is hereby directed to accordingly modify the notices of deficiency issued January 26, 1970; and, that except as so granted, the petitions are in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York April 16, 1975

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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