In the Matter of the Petition

of

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

THEODORE KLUG and ELLEN KLUG

State of New York County of Albany

Jean Wager , 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 5th day of August , 1976, she served the within by (certified) mail upon Theodore Klug and Notice of Decision (xepresentative xet) the petitioner in the within proceeding, Ellen Klug by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Theodore and Ellen Klug 14 Marlan Court Smithtown, New York 11787

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 Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

5th day of August , 1976

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(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding,
by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
as follows:

Charles Becker
D.O. Por 1105

P.O. Box 1185 Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

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 Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of the) 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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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

August 5, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

Theodore and Ellen Klug 14 Marlan Court Smithtown, New York 11787

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Klug:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(*) 590 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.

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. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

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Paul B. Coburn Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

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cc:

Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

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DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under: Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Years 1969 and 1970.

Petitioners, Theodore and Ellen Klug, 14 Marlan Court, Smithtown, New York 11787, have filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the years 1969 and 1970. (File No. 0-64400856). The petitioners waived in writing a formal hearing and submitted the case to the State Tax Commission upon the entire record contained in the file.

ISSUE

Were the petitioners, Theodore and Ellen Klug, entitled to deductions for the years 1969 and 1970 for amounts expended for meals, lodging and transportation while Theodore Klug worked away from Smithtown, New York?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The petitioners, Theodore and Ellen Klug, filed timely New York State income tax returns for the years 1969 and 1970.
- 2. On February 26, 1973, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against the petitioners disallowing deductions for travel, lodging and meals incurred away from home by petitioner, Theodore Klug, in his capacity as a construction worker during the years 1969 and 1970. It accordingly issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$787.42.
- 3. The petitioners, Theodore and Ellen Klug, have main-tained a permanent residence at 14 Marlan Court, Smithtown, New York. Prior to 1969, the petitioners' tax home was in Smithtown where Theodore Klug worked and gained employment through his union local.
- 4. Petitioner, Theodore Klug, was employed by Foster-Lipkin Corporation as a field engineer. From February 1968 to November 1970, he was employed at a construction site in Albany, New York. The petitioners did not change their residence. Petitioner, Ellen Klug, remained in Smithtown. Mr. Klug lived in a motel during his work in Albany and returned to Smithtown on weekends. Mr. Klug received \$5000.00 in 1969 and \$3,600.00 in 1970 from

Foster-Lipkin Corporation in supplemental income for expenses incurred for meals, travel and lodging while working in Albany.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the petitioners, Theodore and Ellen Klug, are liable for the additional tax assessed. The petitioner, Theodore Klug, worked in Albany for 33 months. For purposes of the travel expense deduction, an employment of actual duration of more than one year at a particular location is strongly indicative of a presence beyond a temporary period. The lack of an anticipated duration for the employment period underscores the indefinite nature of the employment. The employment was not temporary and cannot be characterized as "away from home" for the purpose of section 162(a)(2) I.R.C. Albany, New York must be considered the petitioner's tax home for travel expense purposes.
- B. That the petition is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued February 26, 1973, is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York August 5, 1976 STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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