In the Matter of the Petition

of

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

MURRAY GOLDSTEIN

State of New York County of Albany

John Huhn , being duly sworn, deposes and says that whe is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 15th day of September , 1977, whe served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Murray Goldstein

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

Mr. Murray Goldstein
4740 Bedford Avenue

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.

Brooklyn, New York 11235

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (PEPERENTIAL REPORT PROPERTY PROPER

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income :

Taxes under Article(x) 22 of the Tax Law for the Year (**) xxxx *** xxxx *** xxxx *** 1971:

State of New York County of **Albany**

John Huhn , being duly sworn, deposes and says that the is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 15th day of September , 1977, the served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Samuel E. Kezsbom

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

Samuel E. Kezsbom, Esq.
930 Ditmas Avenue

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.

Brooklyn, New York 11218

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.

Sworn to before me this

15th day of September , 1977.

and much

John Huhn

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

September 15, 1977

Mr. Murray Goldstein 4740 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11235

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

Joseph Chyrywaty Hearing Examiner

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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MURRAY GOLDSTEIN

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1971.

Petitioner, Murray Goldstein, residing at 4740 Bedford

Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11235, has filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1971

(File No. 12629).

A small claims hearing was scheduled before Joseph A.

Milack, Small Claims Hearing Officer, on September 20, 1976

at 10:45 A.M. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two

World Trade Center, New York, New York. Prior to the small

claims hearing, petitioner advised the State Tax Commission,

in writing, that he waived a small claims hearing and requested

that the State Tax Commission decide the case upon the entire

record contained in the file. The State Tax Commission renders

the following decision after due consideration of said record.

ISSUE

Whether petitioner, Murray Goldstein, is liable for the penalty imposed against him under section 685(g) of the Tax Law with respect to unpaid New York State withholding taxes due from Queen Coat Co., Inc. for the year 1971.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Queen Coat Co., Inc. failed to pay over to the Income Tax
 Bureau New York State personal income taxes withheld from its employees
 during the year 1971 in the sum of \$449.30. The corporation is presently
 defunct.
- 2. On January 27, 1975, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Deficiency against petitioner, Murray Goldstein, imposing a penalty equal to the amount of New York State withholding taxes due from Queen Coat Co., Inc. for the year 1971, 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 in the sum of \$449.30.
- 3. Petitioner, Murray Goldstein, was secretary of Queen Coat
 Co., Inc. on a nominal basis and held said position so that he would
 be available when the active officer, Robert Rosen, was away from the
 business. Petitioner did not fire nor hire employees and did not maintain
 any of the books and records of the corporation. Petitioner never signed any
 of the tax returns of the corporation.
- 4. Petitioner, Murray Goldstein, resigned as corporate officer upon discovering the nature of his position.

5. The Federal Internal Revenue Service asserted its claims for unpaid withholding taxes due against Robert Rosen, and not against petitioner, Murray Goldstein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That, petitioner, Murray Goldstein, although an officer of Queen Coat Co., Inc., was not a person under a duty to perform the tasks of collecting, accounting for and paying over the withholding taxes. The petitioner did not willfully attempt to evade or defeat the tax or payment thereof.
- B. That a penalty equal to the total amount of the unpaid withholding taxes was improperly asserted against petitioner,
 Murray Goldstein, in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 685(g) of the Tax Law.
- C. That, the petition of Murray Goldstein is sustained and the Notice of Deficiency issued against him on January 27, 1975 is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York

September 1, 1977

STATE TAX COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER