of

MARVIN and PHYLLIS SISKIN

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or : a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income & Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 22 & 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) or Period(s) 1966,: 1967 and 1968.

State of New York County of Albany

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Siskin (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding,
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as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Siskin
1760 North East 56th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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37-39 Carroll Street Binghamton, New York

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STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

April 26, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Siskin 1760 North East 56th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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cc: Petitioner's Representative:

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- A. That section 162(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and the implementing Regulations section 1.162-7 require that in order for compensation to be deductible it must be paid or incurred.
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DATED: Albany, New York April 26, 1977

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