In the Matter of the Petition

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SAM KOPIN

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income and Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 22 & 23 of the Tax Law for the \*Xexx(s)\*xox\* Period(x) January 1 through June 30, 1965.

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 3rd day of May , 1978, the served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Sam Kopin

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

Mr. Sam Kopin

2420 Morris Avenue, Apt. 26

Bronx, New York

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 refixe) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative refixed) petitioner.

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Sworn to before me this

3rd day of May , 1978.

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JAMES H. TULLY JR., PRESIDENT MILTON KOERNER THOMAS H. LYNCH

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

May 3, 1978

Mr. Sam Kopin 2420 Morris Avenue, Apt. 26 Bronx, New York

Dear Mr. Kopin:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative of the Tax Law, any level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 & 722 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,

Assistant Director

Taxing Bureau's Representative

### STATE TAX COMMISSION

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SAM KOPIN : DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or :
for Refund of Personal Income and
Unincorporated Business Taxes under :
Articles 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the
Period January 1 through June 30, 1965. :

Petitioner, Sam Kopin, 2420 Morris Avenue, Apt. 26, Bronx,
New York, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency
or for refund of personal income and unincorporated business taxes
under Articles 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the period January 1
through June 30, 1965. (File No. 01917).

A formal hearing was held before Lawrence A. Newman, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission in the City of New York on March 27, 1970. The petitioner appeared pro se. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Edward H. Best, Esq. (Solomon Sies, Esq., of counsel).

#### ISSUE

Whether cash found in an apartment in which petitioner was arrested for gambling violations constituted unreported earnings of petitioner from an illegal lottery.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On July 29, 1965, the Income Tax Bureau issued a jeopardy assessment in the amount of \$78,860.00 against petitioner, Sam Kopin, for the period January 1 through June 30, 1965, in accordance with the provisions of section 694(1) of the Tax Law.
- 2. In accordance with the aforesaid jeopardy assessment, a Notice of Deficiency was issued against petitioner on August 9, 1965.
- 3. On June 26, 1965, the petitioner and two other persons were arrested by the New York City Police in an apartment at 305 East 86th Street, New York, New York. Petitioner was charged with violating sections 974, 974A and 975 of the Penal Law, which deal with the operation of an illegal numbers game. At the time of the arrest, the police seized \$22,835.00 in currency which was found in the apartment. In computing the jeopardy assessment, the seized currency was assumed to be the net proceeds from the operation of an illegal lottery for one week. This amount was multiplied by 25 weeks, equalling the sum of \$570,875.00 for the early-terminated tax year of January 1 through June 30, 1965. Personal income and unincorporated business taxes were computed on said amount and were assessed against petitioner and the two other individuals arrested in the apartment since the true ownership of the funds could not be

ascertained. The funds were seized and held by the New York City Police Property Clerk to await a claim of ownership.

- 4. The petitioner denied ownership of the money and did not file a claim for it.
- 5. The petitioner testified that he did not know the source or ownership of the seized funds, that he was unemployed at the time of his arrest and that he was supported by his sister. The petitioner was subsequently found to be innocent of the gambling charges.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That there is insufficient evidence to support a finding that the cash found in the apartment or the amount projected by the Income Tax Bureau constituted unreported illegal lottery earnings of the petitioner.
- B. That the jeopardy assessment is abated, the Notice of Deficiency is cancelled, and the petition of Sam Kopin is granted.

DATED: Albany, New York May 3, 1978

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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TO .... Secretary .of. State. Tax. Commission

Remailing of Notice of Decision on 5/15/78

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