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State of New York County of Albany

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age, and that on the 20 day of September, 1978, whe served the within
notice of decision by (certified) mail upon Zenek Podolsky and
Fela Podolsky

***************** the petitioner in the within proceeding,

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

as follows:

Zenek Podolsky and Fela Podolsky 2701 East 66th Street Brooklyn, New York 11234

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.

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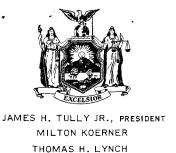
That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of the) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

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

September 20, 1978

Zenek Podolsky and Fela Podolsky 2701 East 66th Street Brooklyn, New York 11234

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Podolsky:

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(X) 690 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 4 Months 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.

JOSEPH CHURTHATY Hearing Examiner

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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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 Year 1971.

Petitioners, Zenek and Fela Podolsky, 2701 East 66th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1971 (File No. 10644).

A small claims hearing was held before Harry Huebsch, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on September 29, 1977 at 10:45 A.M. Petitioner Zenek Podolsky appeared pro se and for his wife, and by Herman Spilfogel, CPA. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (William Fox, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUES

I. Whether four properties which were taken from petitioners by the City of New York in condemnation proceedings were replaced by properties which were similar or related in service or use to the condemned properties.

II. Whether taxable and deferred gains were to be determined by applying each replacement property to each condemned property, or whether petitioners could elect to report the full amount of gain on two of the condemned properties and apply the sum of the amounts realized on the other two condemned properties against the cost of the four replacement properties.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioners, Zenek and Fela Podolsky, timely filed a
 New York State personal income tax return for the year 1971 in
 which they included a capital gain in the amount of \$147.03. Said
 amount constituted the excess condemnation award for real property
 known as 2953-57 West 25th Street, Brooklyn, New York ("property A"),
 above the cost of replacement of said property. They deferred all
 gain on three other properties for which condemnation awards had
 been received and replacement properties had been purchased. Said
 other condemned properties were located at 2842 West 27th Street
 ("property B"), 2965 West 25th Street ("property C") and 2947-49
 West 25th Street ("property D"), all in Brooklyn.
- 2. The Income Tax Bureau contended that all gain realized from the condemnation award for property A, in excess of the adjusted cost basis, was a taxable capital gain, since the cost of replacement was less than the adjusted cost basis of the condemned property. The Income Tax Bureau also recomputed petitioners' computations as to properties B, C and D to arrive at corrected taxable gain, deferred

gain and adjusted basis of the replacement properties. Petitioners did not contest the accuracy of the recomputation. The Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes, combining each condemned property with a replacement property in the same manner as had petitioners. Accordingly, it issued a Notice of Deficiency on February 25, 1974 in the amount of \$1,112.28 in personal income tax, plus \$124.17 in interest, for a sum of \$1,236.45.

- 3. Petitioners contended that the money amounts received upon condemnation of four condemned properties (i.e., properties A, B, C and D) were amounts used to timely purchase four like replacement properties (hereinafter referred to as properties 1, 2, 3 and 4) which were similar or related in service or use. Petitioners further contended that they were not required to compute a separate capital gain for each of the condemned properties by combining one condemned property with one replacement property. Rather, they held that they could (in order to defer a greater amount of gain) combine two condemned properties with four replacement properties and elect to report the capital gain in full with respect to the two remaining condemned properties.
- 4. The Income Tax Bureau contended that the four condemned properties were separate and distinct and could have been conveyed separately; therefore separate computations should have been made in determining the capital gain attributable to each. The Bureau further contended that for purposes of such computation, a condemned property should be combined with its replacement property only.

- 5. Properties A, B, C and D were located in the Coney Island area of Brooklyn, New York. When said properties were condemned by the City of New York, petitioners purchased nearby replacement properties with the condemnation awards received. All properties (both the condemned properties and those purchased as replacements) were small two to six family houses of like character, which petitioners held for rental income.
- 6. At the hearing, petitioners offered to revise their position and to report the capital gain in full on two of the condemned properties (i.e., properties A and B) without combining with replacement properties and to combine the other two condemned properties (i.e., properties C and D) with the four replacement properties.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the condemned properties and the replacement properties were properties of like character, which were similar or related in service or use within the meaning and intent of sections 1031 and 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. That petitioners, Zanek and Fela Podolsky, may or may not elect to defer payment of the tax on part of the gain resulting from the replacement of the condemned property with property of like character, in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code.

- C. That the petition of Zanek and Fela Podolsky is granted to the extent that petitioners may elect to report all capital gain on two properties without consideration of replacement property and may elect to combine two condemned properties with four replacement properties to defer part of the gain. The Income Tax Bureau is hereby directed to modify the Notice of Deficiency issued February 25, 1974 as follows:
 - 1. Condemned property A, 2953-57 West 25 Street and condemned property B, 2842 West 27th Street are each to be taxed on the entire capital gains on condemnation in the amounts of \$8,858.33 and \$9,994.19, less the respective deductions allowable under section 1202 of the Internal Revenue Code and,
 - 2. condemned property C, 2965 West 25th Street and condemned property D, 2947-49 West 25th Street are to be combined with all four replacement properties as a unit to determine taxable gain and deferred gain, and, the adjusted basis of the replacement properties are to be determined in accordance with section 1033 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulation thereunder.
- D. That except as granted in Conclusion of Law "C", above, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York September 20, 1978

COMMISSIONER

STATE TAX COMMISSION



TO Secretary to the New York State Tax Commission

Please attach to Decision. Decision was remailed October 24, 1978.

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION Level Podolsky & Tela

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