In the Matter of the Petition

of

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JOSEPH and SYLVIA SAGULA

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 17th day of April , 1978, whe served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Joseph & Sylvia Sagula

(xepresentative xxf) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

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

as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sagula 683 East 223rd Street Bronx, New York 10466

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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(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

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

as follows:

Charles H. Spiegel, Esq. 606 Castle Hill Avenue Bronx, New York 10473

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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JAMES H. TULLY JR., PRESIDENT MILTON KOERNER THOMAS H. LYNCH STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

April 17, 1978

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sagula 683 East 223rd Street Bronx, New York 10466

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sagula:

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.

Sincerely,

Josephichyryyaty 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 Years 1969 and 1970.

:

Petitioners, Joseph and Sylvia Sagula, 683 East 223rd Street, Bronx, New York 10466, 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. 00670).

A small claims hearing was held before William Valcarcel, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on February 9, 1977 at 10:45 A.M. The petitioners appeared by Charles H. Spiegel, Esq. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Irving Atkins, Esq., of counsel).

### ISSUE

Whether Albany was considered to be petitioner's tax home for income tax purposes and, if so, whether reimbursement received for travel and living expenses constituted additional taxable income during the years 1969 and 1970.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner Joseph Sagula, a carpenter, residing with his wife and children at 683 East 223rd Street, Bronx, New York, was hired in 1969 to work at a construction site in Albany, New York, known as the "Albany Mall Project". He was told that the duration of his employment at the Albany job site would be for a period of six months and he was shown a construction schedule which verified the anticipated duration.
- 2. In prior years while residing in New York City, Mr. Sagula worked on various occasions at locations away from his family residence. He was employed as a carpenter in the Albany area for three months in 1962, three to four months in 1964 and in the Rochester area for five months in 1967.
- 3. During the years 1969 and 1970, Mr. Sagula worked in Albany on weekdays and returned to his family in New York City on weekends. He was required to report the living and travel expenses he incurred during the weekdays to his employer, who reimbursed him for such expenses.
- 4. A representative of Mr. Sagula's employer testified that the petitioner was hired for a six-month period, but due to unforseen delays beyond their control, the job assignment actually lasted fifteen months.
- 5. Mr. Sagula contended that due to family obligations and responsibilities, he would not knowingly have accepted a job assignment away from home for any period in excess of six months.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That petitioner Joseph Sagula's job assignment in Albany during 1969 and 1970 was of a temporary nature. The permanent or temporary nature of a job is judged at the time it begins and not by later events. (Gardin, 64 T.C. 103 9-24-75.) Therefore, petitioner's tax home remained New York City and petitioner Joseph Sagula properly excluded from New York gross income the reimbursement of expenses received from his employer in accordance with Internal Revenue Regulation 1.274-5(e)(i).

B. The petition of Joseph and Sylvia Sagula is granted and the Notice of Deficiency issued February 26, 1973 is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York April 17, 1978 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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