In the Matter of the Petition

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Francis Berardi

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision : of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income Tax : under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the years 1969 & 1970.

State of New York County of Albany

Jay Vredenburg, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 9th day of October, 1979, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Howard Hirschfeld the representative of the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. Howard Hirschfeld 225 Broadway New York, NY 10007

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.

Sworn to before me this 9th day of October, 1979.

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Francis Berardi 2453 E. 21st St. Brooklyn, NY 11235

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

October 9, 1979

Francis Berardi 2453 E. 21st St. Brooklyn, NY 11235

Dear Mr. Beradi:

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(s) 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:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Deputy Commissioner and Counsel Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-6240

Sincerely,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative
Howard Hirschfeld
225 Broadway
New York, NY 10007
Taxing Bureau's Representative

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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.

Petitioner, Francis Berardi, 2453 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, New York 11235, 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. 15308).

A small claims hearing was held before Carl P. Wright, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on January 9, 1979 at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner appeared with Howard Hirschfeld, Esq. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Aliza Schwadron, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUES

- I. Whether Albany, New York, was considered petitioner's tax home for income tax purposes during 1969 and 1970 and if so, whether supplemental income received by petitioner for living expenses in said years constituted additional taxable income.
- II. Whether the amount of supplemental income determined by the Income Tax Bureau as having been received by petitioner is correct.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Francis Berardi, and his wife, timely filed New York State combined income tax returns for 1969 and 1970.

- 2. On February 26, 1973, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner for 1969 and 1970. This was done on the grounds that he failed to include as income, reimbursement which he received from his employers for travel, lodging and meal expenses incurred by him while working in Albany, New York, away from his home. Accordingly, on February 26, 1973, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency to petitioner for \$658.29 in personal income tax, plus interest of \$106.15, for a total due of \$764.44.
- 3. Petitioner maintained a permanent place of abode at 2453 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, New York.
- 4. Petitioner was hired by Foster-Lipkins Corporation to work as a carpenter at the South Mall construction site in Albany, New York, for an indefinite period of time. He was laid off by Foster-Lipkins Corporation in June of 1969, and began working for Pasty & Fuhrman, Inc. at the same South Mall construction site for another indefinite period of time. While working in Albany, petitioner lived in a hotel during the week and returned to his residence in Brooklyn on weekends. His employers paid him supplemental living expenses of \$7,199.57 in 1969 and \$2,923.30 in 1970. These amounts are based on Income Tax Bureau audit of the books and records of his two employers. Petitioner contends that he received only \$75.00 a week in supplemental income.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the employment of petitioner, Francis Berardi, during 1969 and 1970 was for an indeterminate duration rather than just temporary in nature, and cannot be characterized as "away from home", within the meaning of section 162(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. That during 1969 and 1970, petitioner's tax home was in the Albany area, and supplemental income was includable as income; therefore, no deduction

was allowable for expenses and subsistence, since these were personal expenses and as such were nondeductible.

- C. That petitioner failed to carry the burden of proof imposed by section 689(e) of the Tax Law, which requires him to show that the living expenses determined by the Income Tax Bureau were incorrect.
- D. That the petition of Francis Berardi is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued on February 26, 1973 is sustained, together with such additional interest as may be lawfully owing.

DATED: Albany, New York

OCT 9 1979

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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29th day of November , 1979.

Joanne Knapp