In the Matter of the Petition

of

Morton V. & Elaine Ellish

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 1968 & 1969.

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 12th day of December, 1980, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Morton V. & Elaine Ellish, the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Morton V. & Elaine Ellish c/o Matthew F. Magidson 1450 Broadway

New York, NY 10018

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 petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

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Mr. Matthew F. Magidson Laitman, Matthews and Magidson 1450 Broadway New York, NY 10018

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

December 12, 1980

Morton V. & Elaine Ellish c/o Matthew F. Magidson 1450 Broadway New York, NY 10018

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Ellish:

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

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative
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Petitioners, Morton V. Ellish and Elaine Ellish, c/o Matthew F. Magidson, Latiman, Magidson & Matthews, 1450 Broadway, New York, New York 10018, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the years 1968 and 1969 (File No. 20395).

A formal hearing was held before Harry Issler, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York on November 30, 1978 and continued to conclusion before Julius E. Braun, Hearing Officer, at the same location on January 26, 1979. Petitioner appeared by Matthew F. Magidson, Esq. The Audit Division appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Barry M. Bresler, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether petitioner Morton V. Ellish was required to report as ordinary income his distributive share of a condemnation award received by G.A.E. Associates.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 14, 1972, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against Morton V. Ellish and Elaine Ellish on the grounds that the Internal Revenue Service had determined that the sale of property by a partnership resulted in ordinary income, and accordingly the capital gain treatment of the

partnership distributions for the years 1968 and 1969 was not allowed and the distributive share of such gain, was reportable in full for New York State personal income tax purposes. Accordingly, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the amount of \$1,497.98, plus interest of \$185.73, for a total of \$1,683.71.

- 2. No documentary or other substantial evidence was offered in reference to 1968. The only issue was whether that portion of gain realized from the condemnation award in 1969 by petitioner Morton V. Ellish was ordinary income or capital gain.
- 3. Petitioner Morton V. Ellish was a member of a partnership known as G.A.E. Associates. Petitioners were resident individuals and filed State income tax returns for the years in issue. The partnership was founded in 1963 and acquired a 60 acre tract of land in Rockland County for approximately \$500,000.00. Ten acres were sold in 1964 to American Tack. In 1965, 23 acres were sold to J.H.W. Construction. Five parcels were sold in 1966, and in 1967, the profit from an installment sale in 1966 was reported. There were no sales in 1968 and no details were submitted in reference to the net long-term gain reported on the 1968 partnership return. In 1969 the profit from the sale of five parcels sold in 1966 was received and reported as were the proceeds from a condemnation award on the last of the subdivisions.
- 4. On November 10, 1969 pursuant to an audit of the G.A.E. Associates, the Internal Revenue Service found that for the years 1965, 1966 and 1967 the gain realized on the sale of the property was ordinary income rather than a long-term capital gain as originally reported, and that the property sold on the installment basis was determined to be property sold in the ordinary course of business.
- 5. Petitioners offered no documentary or other substantial evidence of what was done with the proceeds of the condemnation award realized in 1969.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

A. That section 617(b) of the Tax Law provides:

"617. Resident Partners.

* * *

(b) Character of items. Each item of partnership income, gain, loss or deduction shall have the same character for a partner under this article as for federal income tax purposes."

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the sale of property by G.A.E. Associates resulted in ordinary income and petitioners have failed to prove otherwise. Accordingly, petitioner Morton V. Ellish was required to report as ordinary income his distributive share of the condemnation award received by G.A.E. Associates.

B. That the petition of Morton V. Ellish and Elaine Ellish is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued against them on April 14, 1972 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

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