In the Matter of the Petition

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Walter Untermeyer, Jr.

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 Year 1972.

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 7th day of July, 1980, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Walter Untermeyer, Jr., the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Walter Untermeyer, Jr. Box 45, 50 Vanderbilt Ave.

New York, NY 10017 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.

Sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1980.

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

July 7, 1980

Walter Untermeyer, Jr. Box 45, 50 Vanderbilt Ave. New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Untermeyer:

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

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 Year 1972.

Petitioner, Walter Untermeyer, Jr., Box 45, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York, New York 10017, 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 1972 (File No. 13669).

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 January 18, 1980 at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner appeared pro se. The Audit Division appeared by Ralph J. Vecchio, Esq. (A. Scopellito, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether petitioner is subject to a penalty in accordance with section 685(g) of the Tax Law as a person who willfully failed to collect, or truthfully account for and pay withholding taxes for the year 1972.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. J. S. Love and Company, Inc. (corporation) was a brokerage firm located in the City and State of New York. The Income Tax Bureau's records indicated that the corporation withheld from its employees New York State personal income taxes in the sum of \$12,361.38 during the year 1972, and remitted

\$10,415.19 for that period. Subsequently, the corporation was billed the balance due of \$1,946.19, along with penalties and interest.

- 2. On June 30, 1975, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency, along with an explanatory Statement of Deficiency, imposing a penalty pursuant to section 685(g) of the Tax Law against petitioner, Walter Untermeyer, Jr., in the amount of \$1,946.19 for the year 1972. The Income Tax Bureau ascertained that petitioner was a responsible corporate officer since its records indicated that he was listed as a vice-president on the New York State corporate tax return of J. S. Love and Company, Inc. filed for the year 1971.
- 3. On March 19, 1976, the Income Tax Bureau abated \$1,174.25 of the penalty imposed. Accordingly, the net amount of the penalty at issue was reduced to \$771.94.
- 4. Petitioner, Walter Untermeyer, Jr., was employed by the corporation as a registered representative and vice-president from January 20, 1968 to June 30, 1971. Petitioner was not a corporate officer or employee during the year 1972.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That petitioner, Walter Untermeyer, Jr., was not a person, as defined in section 685(n) of the Tax Law, required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over taxes withheld by J. S. Love and Company, Inc. during the year 1972.
- B. That petitioner, Walter Untermeyer, Jr., is not subject to a penalty under section 685(g) of the Tax Law.

C. That the petition of Walter Untermeyer, Jr. is granted and the Notice of Deficiency issued June 30, 1975 for the year 1972 is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York

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