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In the Matter of the Petition of Richard Prince

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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 : 1966.

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 27th day of November, 1981, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Richard Prince, the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Richard Prince 62 Leroy Street New York, NY 10014

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

November 27, 1981

Richard Prince 62 Leroy Street New York, NY 10014

Dear Mr. Prince:

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 S. David Harrison Leaf, Kurzman, Deull & Drogin 730 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017 Taxing Bureau's Representative

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Petitioner Richard Prince, 62 Leroy Street, New York, New York 10014, 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 1966 (File No. 13863 and 13864).

A formal hearing was held before Harvey Baum, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York on September 26, 1977, at 1:40 P.M. and continued thereat on December 20, 1977, at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner appeared by Leaf, Kurzman, Deull & Drogin, Esqs. (S. David Harrison, Esq., of counsel). The Audit Division appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Richard Kaufman, Esq. and Lawrence Stevens, Esq. of counsel).

#### ISSUE

Whether petitioner was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over to New York State income tax withheld from the wages of employees of Gottfried Baking Co., Inc. for the year 1966.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 25, 1968 the Audit Division issued a Notice of Deficiency and Statement of Deficiency against petitioner, Richard Prince, asserting a penalty in the sum of \$11,920.66, the amount of unpaid New York State withholding tax due from Gottfried Baking Co., Inc. ("Gottfried") for 1966.

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  - 4. In November of 1966 Gottfried was adjudicated a bankrupt company.
- 5. Petitioner was both a director and an officer (ie. the president) of Gottfried during 1966.
  - 6. Petitioner received no salary from Gottfried during 1966.
- 7. Petitioner's main responsibilities with regard to Gottfried lay in the manufacturing and sales aspects of the business. Petitioner also handled all of the labor relations of Gottfried.
- 8. Petitioner was directed not to concern himself with the financial affairs of Gottfried by both the controlling shareholder and the chairman of the board of directors of Gottfried.
- 9. Petitioner contends he had no personal knowledge that the 1966 withholding tax was not being paid.
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# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That petitioner, Richard Prince, although an officer and director of Gottfried Baking Co., Inc., was not a person required to collect, account for and pay over New York State withholding taxes. Accordingly, he is not liable to a penalty under section 685(g) of the Tax Law.
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DATED: Albany, New York

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