In the Matter of the Petition

of

Orlando P. & Anne S. Thomas

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 1971.

State of New York County of Albany

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Orlando P. & Anne S. Thomas 512 Woodside Dr.

Akron, OH 44303

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

January 9, 1981

Orlando P. & Anne S. Thomas 512 Woodside Dr. Akron, OH 44303

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Thomas:

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 Oded Aboodi Arthur Young & Co. 277 Park Ave. New York, NY 10017 Taxing Bureau's Representative STATE OF NEW YORK

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Petitioners, Orlando P. Thomas and Anne S. Thomas, 512 Woodside Drive, Akron, Ohio 44303, 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 1971 (File No. 13436).

A formal hearing was held before Harvey B. Baum, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on March 18, 1977 at 9:30 A.M. Petitioners appeared by Arthur Young & Company, CPA's. The Audit Division appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Frank Levitt, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether petitioners are liable for the additional income tax on a distribution of income from a qualified profit sharing plan, where they were nonresidents of New York at the time of distribution.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioners, Orlando P. Thomas and Anne S. Thomas, timely filed a
New York State Income Tax Resident Return (Form IT-201) for 1971, and a New York
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- 3. On May 30, 1975, petitioners timely filed a petition seeking a redetermination of personal income taxes due for 1971.
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the distribution which petitioner Orlando P. Thomas received from the Atlantic Richfield Savings Plan did not constitute an annuity within the meaning and intent of 20 NYCRR 131.4(d)(2).
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DATED: Albany, New York

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