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through 5/31/67

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State of New York County of Albany

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321 West 44th Street

New York, New York 10036

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 Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the krepresentative xxxx) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the krepresentative of the petitioner.

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Albany, New York

September 24, 1974

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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The refund here claimed is denied.

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