In the Matter of the Petition

of

BRU NO & ELLA BIEDERMAN

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 23 of the Tax Law for the (Year(s) 196k & 1962:

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State of New York County of Albany

Lynn Puorto , being duly sworn, deposes and says that
she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of
age, and that on the 26th day of March , 19 70, she served the within
Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon EXM Jacob
Simon CPA (representative of) the petitioner in the within
proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid
wrapper addressed as follows: Jacob Simon CPA
6 East 45th Street
New York City 10017

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custedy of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

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

Sworn to before me this

20thday of March

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business:

Tax Law for the (Year(s) 1961, 1962

BRUNO & ELLA BIEDERMAN

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Taxes under Article(s)

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Fila Biederman (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Bruno and Ella Biederman 21-35 Normandy Drive Miami Beach, Florida 3341

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.

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Sworn to before me this

26/th day of March

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STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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BRUNO and ELLA BIEDERMAN

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or : for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law : for the years 1961 and 1962

Mr. Bruno Biederman, and his wife Mrs. Ella Biederman, filed claims for refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes for the years 1961 and 1962.

A formal hearing was held in the offices of the State Tax Commission in the city of New York on October 28, 1969, before Lawrence A. Newman, Hearing Officer. The claimants appeared through Jacob L. Simon, CPA and the Income Tax Bureau was represented by Edward H. Best, Esq. (Albert J. Rossi, Esq. of counsel).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The claimants, Bruno and Ella Biederman, filed New York
 State Income Tax resident returns for the years 1961 and 1962
 but did not file Unincorporated Business Tax returns.
- 2. On March 14, 1966, a notice of deficiency was issued by the Income Tax Bureau under filed numbered 2-6146073. The notice contained a statement of tax deficiency of \$434.92 for the year 1961, and \$251.40 for the year 1962, plus statutory interest. The Income Tax Bureau contended that the income from the business activities of Mr. Bruno Biederman was subject to the Unincorporated Business Tax.

- 3. The claimants paid the amounts of the deficiencies and timely filed claims for credit or refund for the years 1961 and 1962.
- 4. At the specific request and instruction of Schmidt and Koch, an importing firm located in West Germany, Mr. Biederman would report and advise on the purchase of heavy equipment from American manufacturers for export to Europe. Mr. Biederman was paid a commission by Schmidt and Koch based upon the value of the purchases without any deductions for income taxes or social security. In addition, Schmidt and Koch reimbursed Mr. Biederman for certain categories of travel expenses. The firm did not, however, restrict his movements nor dictate the companies and locations that Mr. Biederman could visit. Schmidt and Koch made the ultimate decision on equipment purchases based upon Mr. Biederman's findings.
- 5. The claimants included Schedule C, profit from business or profession, as part of their federal income tax returns for the years 1961 and 1962. Mr. Biederman's activities were described as "traveling foreign sales representative." The receipts were similarly listed as business income on the corresponding New York State income tax returns.

Business deductions were claimed for expenses such as accounting services, gifts, travel, stationery and office expense (portion of residence).

6. The evidence and the testimony of the petitioner's accountant have failed to prove that the principals, Schmidt and Koch, exercised a degree of direction and control, consistent with an employment relationship, over the activities of Mr. Biederman.

The testimony offered has failed to establish that Mr. Biederman's activities were exclusively on behalf of his principals, Schmidt and Koch.

7. Mr. Bruno Biederman was not an employee of the firm of Schmidt and Koch, and was engaged in an unincorporated business during the years 1961 and 1962.

DECISION

- A. The net income from the business activities of Mr. Bruno Biederman for the years 1961 and 1962 is subject to the Unincorporated Business Tax.
- B. The claims for refund of Bruno and Ella Biederman for the years 1961 and 1962 are denied.

Dated: Albany, New York, this Ith day of Warch 1970.

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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