In the Matter of the Petition

of

BEN MILLER

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business: Taxes under Article(x) 23 of the Tax Law for the (Year(s) 1963 & 1964:

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

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State of New York County of Albany

Margaret Wood , 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 4th day of June , 1970, she served the within Notice of Decision (ARX Datas mination) by (certified) mail upon Edward S. Pinkiert (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Edward S. Pinkiert, CPA 340 W. Fulton Street

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.

Long Beach, New York 11561

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

4th day of June , 1970.

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proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. Ben Miller 256-01 41st Drive Little Neck, New York 11363

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.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1963 and 1964

Mr. Ben Miller has petitioned for a redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1963 and 1964. A formal hearing was held before Lawrence A. Newman, Hearing Officer, in the offices of the State Tax Commission in the City of New York on October 29, 1969. The petitioner appeared through Edward S. Pinkiert, CPA; and the Income Tax Bureau was represented by Edward H. Best, Esq., (Albert J. Rossi, Esq. of counsel).

FINDINGS OF FACT:

- 1. The petitioner did not file unincorporated business tax returns for the years 1963 and 1964.
- 2. On October 17, 1966, the Income Tax Bureau issued a notice of deficiency under file numbered 28011828 for the years 1963 and 1964, including a deficiency of unincorporated business tax and penalty under §685(a) of the Tax Law, totalling \$2449.26, plus statutory interest.

The deficiency was based on a finding by the Income Tax Bureau that the petitioner's business income was subject to the unincorporated business tax.

3. The petitioner is a sales representative for the INC Magnetics Corp. and the United Transformer Corporation. The petitioner is paid on a straight commission basis for business solicited by him. The principals do not withhold income or social

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security taxes from the amounts earned by the petitioner. During the years in question, the petitioner included Schedule C, Profit from Business or Profession with his United States income tax returns. The petitioner's gross receipts were listed, and numerous items of expense were deducted, including depreciation, rent, auto expense, lunches, telephone, gifts and gratuities, entertainment, etc.

4. The principals do not exercise a degree of direction and control over the activities of the petitioner consistent with an employer-employee relationship. The petitioner is not an employee of his principals.

DECISION:

- A. The business activities of the petitioner constitute the carrying on of an unincorporated business within the meaning and intent of Article 23 of the Tax Law, and the resulting income is subject to the unincorporated business tax.
- B. The notice of deficiency is sustained, and the petition is denied.

DATED: Albany, New York June 3, 1970 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Edward Rook

FROM:

Lawrence A. Newman

SUBJECT:

Petition of Ben Miller Re:

Decision of State Tax Commission dated June 3, 1970

Article 23, Years 1963 and 1964

Section 685A, delinquency penalty, \$489.85

The decision of the Commission found the petitioner subject to the Unincorporated Business Tax, and sustained the deficiency as issued by the Income Tax Bureau.

The original deficiency included a 25% delinquency penalty under Section 685A of the Tax Law. However, the petitioner's representative did not refer to it during the formal hearing.

The petitioner has paid the basic tax. The Income Tax Bureau has referred the representative's request for remission of the penalties to the Commission for its guidance.

Section 685A provides for the elimination of this penalty if "such failure (to file) is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect."

This deficiency represents the first instance in which the Unincorporated Business Tax has been assessed against the petitioner.

I recommend that the State Tax Commission advise the Income Tax Bureau that it may cancel this penalty.

awrence A. Hearing Officer