In the Matter of the Petition

of

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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) 1964, 1965 & 1966

State of New York County of Albany

Martha Funaro , 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 2nd day of August , 1972 , she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Richard Ganz (representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Richard Ganz

1501 N.E. 191st Street
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

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.

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STATE TAX COMMISSION MEARING UNIT

EDWARD ROOK
SECRETARY TO
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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

Dated: Albany, New York

August 2, 1972

Richard Genz 1501 M.M. 191st Street Worth Mismi Beach, Florida 33162

Dear Mr. Games

Please take notice of the **DECISION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 722 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 Months from the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

Higel G. Wright HEARING OFFICER

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cc: Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

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DECISION

A hearing was held on October 15, 1971 and on May 15, 1972, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York City, before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer. Samuel Rubin, C.P.A. represented petitioner, who did not appear himself. Edward H. Best, Esq. (Francis X. Boylan, Esq., of Counsel) represented the Income Tax Bureau.

The record of said hearing has been duly examined and considered.

ISSUE

The issue in this case is whether an outside salesman is subject to unincorporated business tax and, if he is, whether some of his income is allocable to other states.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mr. Ganz represented three companies, each on a commission basis, during the taxable years in question: Henry, Leonard & Thomas, Inc. of Greensboro, North Carolina, distributors of "Dr. Grabow's Pre-Smoked Pipes", which accounted from one-half of two-thirds of petitioner's commissions, and which withheld taxes and social security

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- 2. Mr. Ganz covers a territory of Metropolitan New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia.
- 3. Mr. Ganz incurs expenses, mostly for travel, equal to about one-fifth of his commissions, none of which is reimbursed.
- 4. The petitioner did not appear at the hearing and there is no evidence in the record of the details of his trips or convention attendence or required reports. Letters from each of his three principals claim that each had direction and control but such statements are conclusory.
- 5. The petitioner failed to file an unincorporated business tax return on advice of his representative.
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

While the issue is a close one, at least with respect to the one principal, Henry, Leonard & Thomas, there is not sufficient evidence on the part of the petitioner to carry the burden of proof that he is subject to direction and control and is an employee.

There is, furthermore, no evidence that petitioner maintains an office outside of the State, so as to be entitled to an allocation. However, the penalty will be waived since petitioner relied upon advice which was not totally unreasonable. The petition is, therefore, granted solely for the waiver of penalty and is otherwise denied. Any refund is denied. The deficiency, without penalty, is affirmed and is due, together with such further interest as may be due under section 684 of the Tax Law.

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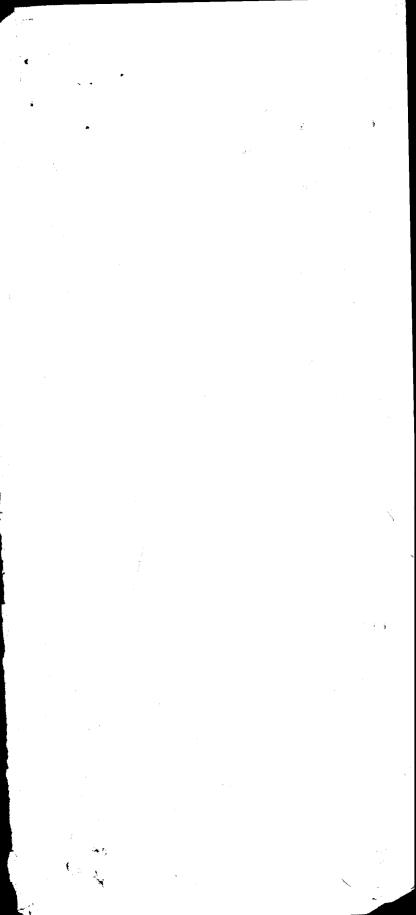
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Louis Etlinger, Chief, Review Unit DATE: 8/21/72

Att: Floyd Worden Income Tax Bureau Room 104, Building #8

FROM:

Hearing Unit Room 214A, Building #9

RE: Richard Ganz SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

1501 N.E. 191st Street

No. Miami Beach, Fla. 33162

Please advise as to the last known address for the above named taxpayer.

Hearing Officer

Taxpayer's last known address is:

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