In the Matter of the Petition

of

WILLIAM I. LAMPEL

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) 1966 and 1967.

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 10th day of January , 19 74, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon William I.

Lampel (representative of) the petitioner in the within

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

wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. William I. Lampel 85-20 Eton Street

Jamaica, New York

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 (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

10th day of January / , 1974

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29-30 172nd Street Flushing, New York

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DATED:

Albany, New York

January 10, 1974

Mr. William I. Lampel 85-20 Eton Street Jamaica, New York

Dear Mr. Lampel:

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

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

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Nigel G. Wright HEARING OFFICER

Enc.

: Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

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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 1966 and 1967.

William I. Lampel filed a petition for a redetermination of a deficiency notice issued under date of October 27, 1969, for unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1966 and 1967 in the amount of \$1,840.76 plus interest of \$226.74 and penalties under section 685(a) of the Tax Law of \$460.20 for a total of \$2,527.70.

A hearing was duly held before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing
Officer, on December 6, 1972, at the offices of the State Tax
Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York City. Louis Leichman,
C.P.A., represented the petitioner. Saul Heckelman, Esq. appearing
by Francis X. Boylan, Esq., represented the Income Tax Bureau.

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

#### ISSUE

The issue in this case is whether the petitioner, a sales representative for one principal, is an independent contractor and so liable for the unincorporated business tax.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner is a sales representative for Art Steel

Company, Inc. of 170 West 233rd Street, New York City, a manufacturer of "Steelmaster" office equipment. He has been with Art Steel Company, Inc. in varying capacities since 1925. He receives no paid vacation. He sells for no one else and has no other income.

2. Petitioner covers a territory of New York City, northern New Jersey and Philadelphia. In New York City he covers commercial stationery stores. Elsewhere he covers office furniture dealers also. Many of his accounts are old accounts of the company. As the business of the company has expanded petitioner's accounts have been assigned to new salesmen.

He works out the desk space furnished to all its salesmen by Art Steel Company, Inc.

- 3. Neither taxes nor social security are withheld from petitioner's compensation. It has not been shown that petitioner is covered by unemployment insurance or workmen's compensation. He is not covered by a pension plan. He is covered by a medical insurance plan and a group life insurance program of Art Steel Company, Inc.
  - 4. Petitioner is not reimbursed for his traveling expenses.
- 5. Petitioner filed no returns for unincorporated business taxes. He had been advised by his accountant not to do so.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The petitioner has not carried the burden of proof that his principal has a right to control his activities. The failure of his principal to withhold and the lack of coverage under unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation are particularly

important. The petitioner is therefore subject to tax. However because petitioner relied on the advice of his accountant in not filing returns the penalty will be waived.

## DECISION

The deficiency is found to be correct except for the penalty stated therein which is waived and such deficiency is due together with such further interest as may be due under section 684 of the Tax Law.

DATED: Albany, New York January 10, 1974 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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