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of

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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) 1965, 1966 and: 1967

State of New York County of Albany

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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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(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Jerome Schooler, C.P.A.

314 Fulton Avenue

Hempstead, 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.

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DATE: Albany, New York November 4, 1974

Miss Doris C. Meger 224 Roslyn Road Mineola, New York 11501

Dear Miss Meger:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section (%) 722 of the Tax Law, 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.

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Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

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Petitioner, Doris C. Neger, filed petitions for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1965, 1966 and 1967. (File Nos. 5-6044642, 6-6048547 and 7-4512366). A formal hearing was held before Lawrence A. Newman, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York, on July 22, 1971, at 9:20 A.M. Petitioner appeared pro se. Income Tax Bureau appeared by Edward H. Best, Esq., (Solomon Sies, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUES

- Was the income received by petitioner, Doris C. Neger, during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, from the Doris C. Neger Reporting Service, subject to the unincorporated business tax?
- II. Was the income received by petitioner, Doris C. Neger, during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, from the Stenotype Accredited Reporting, Inc., subject to the unincorporated business tax?
- III. Was the income received by petitioner, Doris C. Neger, during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, from Investors Planning Corp., subject to the unincorporated business tax?

FINDINGS OF FACT

Petitioner, Doris C. Neger, filed New York State income tax resident returns for the years 1965, 1966 and 1967. She did not file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for said years.

- 2. On May 26, 1969, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner, Doris C. Neger, imposing unincorporated business tax upon business income received by her during the year 1965. It also imposed a penalty for failure to file a New York State unincorporated business tax return for said year in the sum of \$60.12. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$579.80. Petitioner, Doris C. Neger, paid said sum and asks for a refund in the same amount.
- 3. On January 21, 1971, the Income Tax Bureau issued two statements of audit changes against petitioner, Doris C. Neger, imposing unincorporated business tax upon the business income received by her during the years 1966 and 1967. In accordance with the aforesaid statements, it issued two notices of deficiency in the total sum of \$732.35.
- 4. Petitioner, Doris C. Neger, was a certified shorthand reporter, a recognized profession, in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(c) of the Tax Law and 20 NYCRR 281.4, during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967.
- 5. During the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, petitioner, Doris C. Neger, received income from her own business, the Doris C. Neger Reporting Service, which was in the business of providing shorthand reporters. The services were performed primarily by other shorthand reporters who were paid by petitioner. Petitioner maintained a business office at her home in connection with her reporting service.
- 6. During the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, petitioner, Doris C. Neger, received income from a corporation, Stenotype Accredited Reporting, Inc., for services as a certified shorthand reporter.

Petitioner was president of the corporation, owning 60% of its stock. Petitioner performed 90% of the reporting services. In addition, she solicited business for the corporation in order to keep the enterprise going. The corporation did not withhold Federal and New York State income taxes and social security from the commissions paid to petitioner, Doris C. Neger. The corporation also did not provide coverage for disability or workmen's compensation. Petitioner's income was handled like that of an independent contractor. Petitioner was not reimbursed for any of her expenses, which she deducted on Schedule "C" of her Federal income tax returns.

- 7. During the year 1965, petitioner, Doris C. Neger, received a gross income of \$23,550.65 from the operation of her reporting services. Of this, \$11,158.04 was paid by petitioner to the shorthand reporters that she used in the Doris C. Neger Reporting Services. During the year 1966, petitioner received a gross income of \$21,816.40 from her reporting services, of which \$10,311.10 was paid to shorthand reporters. During the year 1967, petitioner received a gross income of \$10,135.63 from her reporting services, of which \$7,511.66 was paid to shorthand reporters. More than 20% of the shorthand reporting services were performed by others than petitioner, Doris C. Neger, herself in the combined operation of the Doris C. Neger Reporting Service and Stenotype Accredited Reporting, Inc., during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967.
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 Petitioner's agreement with the company specifically stated that

 petitioner was an independent contractor and that no employee/

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the services rendered by petitioner, Doris C. Neger, during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, for Stenotype Accredited Reporting, Inc., were so interrelated and integrated with her activities in connection with her independent business, the Doris C. Neger Reporting Service, that the two operations must be combined for the purposes of determining petitioner's unincorporated business tax liability.
- B. That less than 80% of petitioner, Doris C. Neger's income received from the aforesaid businesses during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, was derived from personal services rendered and therefore, said income was not exempt from the imposition of the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(c) of the Tax Law.
- C. That the income received by petitioner, Doris C. Neger, from Investors Planning Corp., during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, did not constitute compensation as an employee exempt from the imposition of the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(b) of the Tax Law.
- D. That the aforesaid income received by petitioner, Doris C. Neger, during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967, was subject to the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.

E. That the petitions of Doris C. Neger are denied and the notices of deficiency issued May 26, 1969 and January 21, 1971, are sustained,

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