In the Matter of the Petition

of

MELVEN & SYLVIA RESSLER

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) 1965. :

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 13thday of February , 1974, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Melvin & Sylvia Ressler (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Melven Ressler 19 Jeffrey Place

New Hyde Park, 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

13th day of February, , 1974.

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wrapper addressed as follows: Alvin Lester Sitomer, Esq.

Sitomer, Sitomer & Porges

110 East 59th Street

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A. BRUCE MANLEY
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DATED:

Albany, New York

February 13, 1974

Mr. & Hrs. Melven Ressler 19 Jeffrey Place New Hyde Park, New York 11042

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Ressler:

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 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,

Mad I Wright

Nigel G. Wright HEARING OFFICER

Enc.

cc: Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

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DECISION

for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Year 1965.

Melvin Ressler and Sylvia Ressler, filed a petition under section 689 of the Tax Law for the redetermination of a deficiency issued under date of August 26, 1968 for personal income tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the year 1965 in the amount of \$202.97 plus interest of \$28,78 for a total of \$231.75.

A hearing was duly held on November 14, 1973, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York City, before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer. The petitioners were represented by Benjamin D. Fein, C.P.A. The Income Tax Bureau was represented by Saul Heckelman, Esq., appearing by Francis X. Boylan, Esq. The record of said hearing has been duly examined and considered.

ISSUES

The issue in this case is whether the petitioner's income for purposes of the unincorporated business income tax should include a salary received by petitioners from a corporation.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The petitioner, Mr. Ressler, was the sole proprietor of Belin Radio & Appliance Co., which did business at 1266
 First Avenue, New York City, until about June 1965 when it moved to 1291 First Avenue, New York City. This business serviced and repaired electrical appliances. It was started in 1946 as a partnership with one partner concentrating on service and the other partner concentrating on the sales of appliances. In 1957 it got out of the sales business and became exclusively a service business. This company employed seven persons on a full-time basis.
- 2. Mr. Ressler was also the president of Belin Radio & Appliance Corporation whose stock was owned solely by Mr. Ressler and his wife. This corporation is engaged in the sales of electrical appliances. The corporation had been started around 1957 and was located at 1294 Third Avenue until sometime prior to 1965 when it returned to 1291 First Avenue. During 1965 the petitioner's service company moved to these same premises. The sales corporation employed four persons on a full-time basis. Petitioner's devote about ninety per cent of his time to the sales corporation.
- 3. The petitioner's service company will service any appliance no matter where purchased. It services brands such as RCA,

 Emerson and DuMont, which the sales corporation does not handle.

 It does factory servicing for a number of nationally known manufacturers, but not for all of the brands that the corporation sells.

Its non-warranty work accounts for seventy-five percent of its business. It is largely a neighborhood business. It does installation work on appliances sold by the sales corporation but a separate charge is made and separate books are kept.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The services performed for the corporation are sufficiently unrelated to the business of the petitioner so that the salary in question is properly excluded from income.

The deficiency is erroneous and is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York February 13, 1974

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