In the Matter of the Petition

of

HARRY UNGARSOHN

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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) 1963 and 1964.:

State of New York County of Albany

JANET MACK

, 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 1st day of October , 1974, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon HARRY UNGARSOHN

(representative of) the petitioner in the within

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

wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. Harry Ungarsohn 5 Beekman Street New York, New York 10038

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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.

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

1st day of October , 197

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DATED: Albany, New York

October 1, 1974

Mr. Harry Ungarsohn 5 Beekman Street New York, New York 10038

Dear Mr. Ungarsohn:

DECISION Please take notice of the 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,

Nigel G. Wright

Enc. HEARING OFFICER

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

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.

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Harry Ungarsohn filed a petition under section 689 of the Tax Law for a redetermination of deficiencies in unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1963 and 1964. A hearing was duly held on December 12, 1973, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York, before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer. The petitioner, was represented pro se, and Saul Heckelman, Esq., (James A. Scott, 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 petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn, a certified shorthand reporter, is entitled to professional exemption from the unincorporated business tax pursuant to section 703(c) of the Tax Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn and his wife, filed New York State income tax resident returns for the years 1963 and 1964. Petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn, filed New York State unincorporated business tax returns for said years.

- 2. Petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn, operates a reporting service known as "Stenotype Reporting Specialists". Its principle office is located at 150 Nassau Street, New York City. It also maintains mail drops and telephone answering services in Atlantic City, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Washington, D.C.; Atlanta, Georgia; and Boston, Massachusetts. Petitioner had no full-time employees in any of the above cities except New York.
- 3. Petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn, was a certified shorthand reporter. He did work for attorneys; state, local and Federal agencies; and for private business conventions. In addition to the traditional methods of reporting, he utilized tape recording for which he is chiefly known. He, personally, did as much of the stenographic reporting as he could. All transcribing was done by subcontract. He employed one or two secretaries, an office manager and one or two persons to do the taping. He withheld New York State, City and Federal income taxes, social security and unemployment insurance taxes from their salaries. Said employees were also covered by workman's compensation insurance. In some instances, he was forced to hire free-lance reporters to service his clients.
- 4. During 1963, petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn, had gross receipts of \$99,517.83; gross profit of \$54,869.77, and total compensation for reporting services of \$26,223.40; in 1964 he had gross receipts of \$111,451.04, gross profit of \$62,044.38 and total compensation for reporting services of \$30,388.67 as reported on his Schedules "C" for said years.

5. On March 13, 1967, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against the petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn, imposing unincorporated business tax for the year 1963 in the sum of \$515.34. On February 19, 1968, it issued a Statement of Audit Changes against him imposing unincorporated business tax for the year 1964 in the sum of \$765.30. Said taxes were imposed upon the grounds that less than 80% of the total income is derived from personal services actually rendered by the taxpayer. It accordingly issued notices of deficiency in said amounts.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That since petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn, paid a sum of \$26,233.40 as compensation for reporting to "free-lance" reporters and had a gross profit of \$54,869.77, he has clearly failed to satisfy the 80% requirement imposed under section 703(c) of the Tax Law for the year 1963.
- B. That since petitioner, Harry Ungarsohn, paid a sum of \$30,388.67 as compensation for reporting to "free-lance" reporters and had a gross profit of \$62,044.38, he has clearly failed to satisfy the 80% requirement imposed under section 703(c) of the Tax Law for the year 1964.

DECISION

The petition is denied and the deficiency is affirmed together with such interest, if any, as may be due under section 689 of the Tax Law.

DATED: Albany, New York October 1, 1974 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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