In the Matter of the Petition

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HERMAN P. WEAVER

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) 1967 and 1968.

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 15thday of May , 1974, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Herman P. Weaver

(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. Herman P. Weaver

403 A Pine Ridge Drive Whispering Pines, North Carolina

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

15th day of May

, 1974.

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408 East Church Street and by depositing same enclosed in a postpard properly laddressed 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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DATED: Albany, New York
May 15, 1974

Mr. Herman P. Weaver 403 A Pine Ridge Drive Whispering Pines, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Weaver:

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

of

Please take further notice that pursuant to section 722 of the Tax Law any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months after 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 relating hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

L. Robert Leisner HEARING OFFICER

cc Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION HERMAN P. WEAVER

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1967 and 1968.

Petitioner, Herman P. Weaver, petitioned for a redetermination of deficiencies in unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1967 and 1968.

A formal hearing was held at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Binghamton, New York, on July 25, 1973, before L. Robert Leisner, Hearing Officer. The taxpayer was represented by De Filippo Brothers, A. William De Filippo, Esq., of Counsel, and the Income Tax Bureau was represented by Saul Heckelman, Esq., (James A. Scott, Esq., of Counsel).

### ISSUE

Were the activities of the petitioner, in 1967 and 1968, a manufacturer's representative, subject to unincorporated business tax?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- Petitioner, Herman P. Weaver, timely filed New York State income tax returns for the years 1967 and 1968 but did not file unincorporated business tax returns for those years.
- A Notice of Determination of deficiencies in unincorporated business taxes and penalties for the years 1967 and 1968 was issued on February 22, 1971, against the taxpayer under File No. 8-18705801.
- The taxpayer petitioned for redetermination of the deficiencies. The following facts set forth in paragraphs 4 through 12 are found exactly as stipulated by the parties at the hearing:

- 7. No Federal or State income taxes or social security taxes are withheld from his commissions.
- 8. He deducts expenses incurred in traveling on his tax return on Federal Schedule "C". He was furnished with Federal forms 1099 by each of the principals showing commissions paid.
  - 9. He pays self-employment tax.
- 10. With respect to supervisors he was not interfered with by the principals unless his territory was not covered regularly and properly to their satisfaction or to the satisfaction of the customers. The foregoing facts involve the years 1967 and 1968 during which time the taxpayer was a resident and domiciliary of the State of New York as shown by the address on his tax returns.
- 11. He had his own letterhead listing himself as a "manufacturer's representative" with an address at 677 Wall Street, Elmira, New York, 14905, with the telephone number RE 4-7272.
- 12. When taxpayer was operating in a foreign state, he would obtain a motel room and stay there for the duration of the period and any orders he received while in this foreign state he would write up and send direct to the manufacturer.

On the entire record we also find as a fact:

13. The taxpayer honestly did not believe he was required to file unincorporated business tax returns for the years in question.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. The taxpayer acted in good faith in not filing the unincorporated business tax returns. The penalties are cancelled.
- B. The petitioner was an independent sales agent and his activities were subject to unincorporated business tax. <u>Feld v. Gallman</u>, 41 A D 2d 882; <u>Price v. State Tax Commission</u>, 40 A D 2d 930.
- C. The determination of the deficiencies is sustained except as modified by the cancellation of penalties.
- D. Pursuant to the Tax Law, interest shall be added to the total amount due until paid.

DATED: Albany, New York
May 15, 1974

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