In the Matter of the Petition

of

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Taxes under Article(S) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) cox Period(s) 1969 and 1970.

State of New York County of Albany

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DeArmand (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. David W. DeArmand 370 Central Park West, Apt. 506 New York, NY 10025

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 Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative printing) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative printing) petitioner.

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TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

December 3, 1976

TELEPHONE: (51457-3850

Mr. & Mrs. David W. DeArmand 370 Central Park West, Apt. 506 New York, NY 10025

Dear Mr. & Mrs. DeArmand:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(2) 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.

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. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Puccia Supervisor of

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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DAVID W. and FRANCES U. DE ARMAND

DECISION

for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1969 and 1970.

Petitioners, David W. and Frances U. De Armand, 370 Central Park West, Apt. 506, New York, New York 10025, have filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1969 and 1970. (File No. 0-58954125). A small claims hearing was held before Philip Mercurio, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on May 28, 1976. Petitioner, David W. De Armand, appeared pro se and for his wife, and by Bernard D. Praga, C.P.A. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Abraham Schwartz, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether the income received by the petitioner, David W. De Armand, from his activities as a sales representative is subject to the unin-corporated business tax or is he an employee exempt from the unin-corporated business tax?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioners, David W. and Frances U. De Armand, filed a combined New York State income tax resident return for 1969 and 1970. An amended combined New York State income tax return for the year 1970 was subsequently filed by the petitioners dated February 28, 1972 showing an overpayment of \$114.87. This refund claim was applied against the unincorporated business tax assessed for the years 1969 and 1970 by the Income Tax Bureau.
- 2. On February 25, 1974, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against the petitioners, David W. and Frances U. De Armand, imposing unincorporated business tax upon the income received by the petitioner, David W. De Armand, from his activities as a sales representative during the years 1969 and 1970. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$148.36 including interest.
- 3. The petitioner, David W. De Armand, was a commission sales representative for a British printing company, Willmer Brothers Ltd. of Birkenhead, England, specializing in setting type of mathematical, technical and scientific books for American publishers.
- 4. During the years 1969 and 1970, the petitioner, David W. De Armand, represented only one firm, Willmer Brothers Ltd. strictly on a commission basis, with no withholding of payroll taxes. The petitioner paid his own self-employment taxes and was not covered by workmen's compensation or other employee related programs.

- 5. The petitioner, David W. De Armand, filed a Federal Form 1040, Schedule C for the years in question. He maintained an office in his home and did not have any assistance. He was reimbursed \$100.00 a month for "out of pocket" expenses from said firm.
- 6. In the agreement between the petitioner and said firm, the petitioner, David W. De Armand, is not allowed to represent any other competing types of firms. However, the petitioner is allowed to represent a non-competing type of firm.
- 7. Petitioner, David W. De Armand, developed his own leads with book publishers, set up his own work schedules and in all manners had sole control over his activities and techniques in making sales.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That sufficient direction and control over the activities of petitioner, David W. De Armand, was not exercised by Willmer Brothers Ltd. to result in an employee/employer relationship.
- B. That the income received by petitioner, David W. De Armand, from the firm he represented in the years 1969 and 1970 constituted income from his regular business of selling and not income 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.

- C. That the aforesaid activities of the petitioner, David W. De Armand, during the years 1969 and 1970, constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business and his income derived therefrom is subject to the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.
- D. That the petition of David W. and Frances U. De Armand is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued February 25, 1974 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York
December 3, 1976

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