In the Matter of the Petition

of

HENRY FORSTER

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes
Taxes under Article(s) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) or Period(s) 1964: through 1968.

State of New York County of

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Notice of Decision

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of November, 1976, she served the within

by (certified) mail upon Henry Forster

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

169 E. 78th Street

22ndday of

New York, New York 10021

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 pfxthe) 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

22nd day of

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## STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

TELEPHONE: (518)457-3850

November 22, 1976

Mr. Henry Forster 169 E. 78th Street New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Forster:

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 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.

yours,

Enc.

PKUL'B. COBURN Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc:

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Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK
STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1964 through 1968.

Petitioner, Henry Forster, residing at 169 East 78th Street, New York, New York 10021, has filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1964 through 1968. (File No. 00540).

A formal hearing was held before Edward L. Johnson, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on June 8, 1976 at 2:45 P.M. Petitioner appeared <u>pro</u> <u>se</u>. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Abraham Schwartz, Esq., of counsel).

## ISSUE

Whether, petitioner, Henry Forster's activities as a real estate broker and consultant during the years 1964 through 1968 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Henry Forster, and his wife, filed New York
State combined income tax returns for the years 1964 through 1968.
Petitioner failed to file unincorporated business tax returns for said years.

- 2. On January 29, 1973, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner, Henry Forster, for unincorporated business tax due for the years 1964 through 1968. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency of \$3,240.94, plus interest of \$1,214.02, for a sum total of \$4,454.96.
- 3. Petitioner, Henry Forster, a real estate broker and consultant, has been engaged in real estate management and development for many years. From 1964 through March 1967, he worked as a trustee for First National Real Estate Trust. inspected property offered to the trust by numerous real estate The amount of fees paid to him was based upon a percentage of the assets of the trust. Petitioner had regular daily working hours, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. First National provided petitioner with an office and a secretary. Petitioner traveled to approximately twenty-five cities during his association with said trust, with First National providing reimbursement for all expenses incurred. No taxes were withheld from his fees and petitioner did not know whether social security or unemployment insurance were withheld from his remuneration. First National exerted insubstantial control over petitioner's daily activities, giving no specific instructions concerning the performance of his duties.
- 4. During the period, petitioner, Henry Forster, worked for First National Trust he also performed services as a real estate broker and consultant for several clients he had worked for previously as well as two other firms, Beauvais Realty Co., and Valeroy Real Estate Co., Inc.

5. After petitioner, Henry Forster's affiliation with First National Trust terminated in March 1967, he entered into an arrangement with William A. White and Sons, converting apartment houses into cooperatives. Petitioner was paid solely on a commission basis and no taxes were withheld from said commissions. During the remaining period in issue, petitioner continued to significantly augment his income by working as a real estate broker and consultant for other clients.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the income received by petitioner, Henry Forster, during the years 1964 through 1968, constituted receipts from his regular business as a real estate broker and consultant and not compensation as an employer or fiduciary, exempt from the imposition of unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(b) of the Tax Law.
- B. That the aforesaid activities of petitioner, Henry Forster, during the years 1964 through 1968, constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business, and income therefrom was subject to unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.
- C. That the petition of Henry Forster is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued January 29, 1973 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York November 22, 1976

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