In the Matter of the Petition

of

ABRAHAM I. LAST

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

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Last (Deceased) X PROTECTION TO THE PETITIONER IN THE WITHIN PROCEEDING,

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed

as follows: Abraham I. Last (Deceased)

c/o Bernard Last, Esq.

11 Atwood Drive

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Plainview, New York 11803 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.

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

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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

August 6, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

Abraham I. Last (Deceased) c/o Bernard Last, Esq. 11 Atwood Drive Plainview, New York 11803

Dear Mr. Last:

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

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 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.

Enc.

Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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ABRAHAM I. LAST

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.

Abraham I. Last, residing at 11 Atwood Drive, Plainview, New York 11803, filed a petition for the redetermination of a deficiency issued under date of August 21, 1967, in the amount of \$291.15 plus interest of \$53.17 for a total of \$344.32 for unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1963 and 1964.

A hearing was duly held before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on September 22, 1975.

Bernard Last, Esq. represented the estate of Abraham I. Last.

Saul Heckelman, Esq. (James A. Scott, Esq. of counsel) appeared for the Income Tax Bureau.

ISSUE

Whether the activities of petitioner constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, Abraham I. Last, is a salesman who represented several hardware manufacturers in the New York metropolitan area; his primary duty was to solicit orders on behalf of his principals. There were no written contracts between petitioner and the manufacturers; Mr. Last was paid on a commission basis and was not reimbursed for expenses. The manufacturers fixed the territory that he was to cover.
- 2. Petitioner did not maintain an office nor did he have any employees. He had a telephone answering service in Manhattan, but he operated primarily from his home.
- 3. The State Tax Commission in 1965 rendered a decision that petitioner was not subject to unincorporated business taxes for the years 1957, 1958 and 1959.
 - 4. Petitioner, Abraham I. Last, died on Sept. 22, 1974.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner, Abraham I. Last, was not an employee of his principals; the activities of petitioner constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business. The Notice of Deficiency issued August 21, 1967, is correct; the petition is denied.

DATED: Albany, New York August 6, 1976 STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

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