In the Matter of the Petition

of

MICHAEL ORLING

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Unincorporated Business
Taxes under Article(\*) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) \*\*REFERENCES\*\* 1964 and 1965.

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 24thday of September , 1976 , she served the within Decision by (certified) mail upon Michael Orling

69 Shelter Lane Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

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.

Sworn to before me this

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

Louis Levine CPA

Louis Levine, CPA 11 West 42nd Street New York, New York 10036

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 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 TAX COMMISSION

## STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

### TAX APPEALS BUREAU

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

September 24, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518)457-3850

Mr. Michael Orling 69 Shelter Lane Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

Dear Mr. Orling:

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.

Very truly/yours

Paul B. Zoburn

Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

Enc.

cc:

Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

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DECISION

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business: Tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1964 and 1965.

Petitioner, Michael Orling, 69 Shelter Lane, Roslyn Heights, New York 11577, filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency in unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1964 and 1965. (File No. 46249326).

A formal hearing was held before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing
Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World
Trade Center, New York, New York, on December 10, 1975. Petitioner
appeared by Louis Levine, C.P.A. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by
Peter Crotty, Esq. (Michael Alexander, Esq. of counsel).

#### **ISSUE**

Whether petitioner, Michael Orling, was carrying on an unincorporated business during the years 1964 and 1965.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, Michael Orling, timely filed New York State income tax returns for the years 1964 and 1965. He also filed an unincorporated business tax return for the year 1964. Petitioner did not file a New York State unincorporated business tax return for the year 1965.
- 2. On July 28, 1969, a Statement of Audit Changes was issued against the petitioner for unincorporated business tax plus penalties and interest in the sum of \$2,116.51 for the years 1964 and 1965. Accordingly, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency.
- 3. During the years 1964 and 1965, petitioner, Michael Orling, sold lamps for Wilmar Co., Inc., Bronx, New York. Petitioner sold Wilmar's products in an area designated by the corporation. Wilmar Co., Inc. allowed petitioner a portion of its showroom for his use. They supplied petitioner with no office space or secretarial help. Petitioner, Michael Orling, received an \$85.00 draw per week against his commissions from Wilmar Co., Inc. From this \$85.00 was deducted social security, as well as Federal and New York State withholding. The company paid hospitalization insurance for petitioner as well as unemployment insurance.

- 4. Petitioner, Michael Orling, also sold lamps for Morris Greenspan, Inc., a corporation based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Morris Greenspan was the controlling shareholder of this corporation and of Wilmar Co., Inc. Petitioner Michael Orling's duties for Morris Greenspan, Inc. required that he cover the same territory as that which he covered for Wilmar Co., Inc. Petitioner received commissions on the products sold for Greenspan, Inc. That corporation withheld nothing from petitioner's commissions.
- 5. Petitioner, Michael Orling, also received commissions from Keystone, Inc. and Arnis during the years 1964 and 1965 for sales duties he performed. Petitioner had to receive permission to sell these lines from Wilmar Co., Inc.
- 6. Petitioner, Michael Orling, maintained a room in his home which he used as an office. Petitioner was not reimbursed by his principals for any expenses he incurred. He deducted his business expenses for cars, postage, gifts, etc. from his Federal returns for the years 1964 and 1965. The firms for whom petitioner, Michael Orling, sold merchandise during the years 1964 and 1965 did not exercise substantial direction or control over his sales activities and techniques or over the time he devoted to sales.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the income received by petitioner, Michael Orling, from the firms that he represented during the years 1964 and 1965 constituted income from his regular business of selling lamps and not compensation 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.
- B. That the aforesaid activities of petitioner, Michael Orling, during the years 1964 and 1965 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business and his income derived therefrom was subject to the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.
- C. That the petition of Michael Orling is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued July 28, 1969 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

September 24, 1976

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