In the Matter of the Petition

of

SOMERS, SCHAEFER, COLLINS & YOUNG

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(sx) 1965

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

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State of New York County of Albany

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that Janet Mack she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 23rd day of August , 19 76, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Somers, Schaefer, (representative xef) the petitioner in the within Collins & Young proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows: Somers, Schaefer, Collins & Young c/o Sanford Becker & Co., PC

1 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10017

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 数数) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative variable) petitioner.

August

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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

State of New York County of Albany

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that Carmen M. Mottolese she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of , 19_{76} , she served the within age, and that on the 4th day of August by (certified) mail upon Sanford Becker, Decision (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, C.P.A. by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Sanford Becker, C.P.A. Sanford Becker & Co., C.P.A.'s

1 East 42nd Street

New York, NY 10017

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.

Sworn to before me this

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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 (s) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year (e) x9xx Period(e) 1965:

State of New York County of Albany

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c/o Sanford Becker & Co., PC 1 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017 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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STATE TAX COMMISSION

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

August 4, 1976

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

Somers, Schaefer, Collins & Young c/o Sanford Becker & Co., PC 1 East 42nd Street New York, NY 10017

Gentlemen:

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 yrylly/yours,

Enc.

Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

Somers, Schaeffer, Collins & Young East 42nd/Street Department of Taxation and Finance TAX APPEALS BUREAU STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY, N. Y. 12227 STATE CAMPUS TA-26 (4-76) 25M

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SOMERS, SCHAFER, COLLINS and YOUNG

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Year 1965.

Petitioners, Somers, Schafer, Collins and Young, filed a petition for the redetermination of a deficiency in unincorporated business tax dated February 24, 1969, under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the year 1965.

Said deficiency was asserted by notice #4218 dated February 24, 1969, and is in the amount of \$10,560.60 plus interest of \$1,810.72 for a total of \$12,370.72.

A hearing was duly held on October 14, 1971, at 9:25 A.M., at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York City before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer. Petitioner appeared by Sanford Becker, C.P.A. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Edward H. Best, Esq. (Francis X. Boylan, Esq. of counsel). The record of said hearing has been duly examined and considered.

ISSUE

Whether the gain from the sale of two stock exchange seats by one general partner of the firm and by one limited partner are income of petitioner, a stock brokerage firm is the issue in this case.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Somers, Schafer, Collins and Young is a stock brokerage firm in New York City and does business solely as a specialist for the New York Stock Exchange. The firm handled about 24 stocks. Each of the four partners had a seat on the Exchange which he had purchased himself. The partnership agreement of the firm was not submitted by the representative.
- 2. Mr. George W. Young had purchased his seat in 1953 and had been a member of other firms before coming to the petitioner's firm. He became a general partner of the petitioner's firm on January 1, 1963. He retired from the firm on May 31, 1965. Prior thereto on May 13, 1965, he had sold his stock exchange seat to a person not connected with the firm.
- 3. Arthur G. Somers had been a general partner and became a limited partner of the firm in January, 1965. On June 17, 1965, he sold his seat on the Exchange. He died shortly thereafter. Illness had prevented his use of the seat for the previous three years.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the stock exchange seat owned by Mr. Young was being used in the business of the partnership at the time of its sale and, therefore, the proceeds of such sale are taxable to the partnership, the petitioner herein (see Gregory & Sons (STC 6-19-72).
- B. That the stock exchange seat owned by Mr. Somers was not being used in the business of the partnership at the time of its sale and, accordingly, petitioner is not taxable on the sale of such seat.

C. That because of the above reasons the deficiency in issue is erroneous in part and is recomputed to be \$6,360.00, plus interest of \$1,090.55, for a total of \$7,450.55. Said sum is due together with such further interest as shall be computed under section 684 of the Tax Law.

DATED: Albany, New York August 4, 1976 STATE TAX COMMISSION

RESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMICCIONED