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I. Robert Pollack, Esq.
12 East 41st Street
New York, NY 10017

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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 STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

January 24, 1979

Louis Rosenthal 59-55 47th Avenue Woodside, NY 11377

# Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(%) 722 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within four months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

Joseph Chyrywaty Hearing Examiner

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Taxing Bureau's Representative

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for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970.

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Petitioner, Louis Rosenthal, 59-55 47th Avenue, Woodside, New York 11377, 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 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970 (File No. 13387).

A small claims hearing was held before William Valcarcel, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on January 26, 1977 at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner appeared by I. Robert Pollack, Esq. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Louis Senft, Esq., of counsel).

## ISSUE

Whether the income derived from petitioner's activities as a salesman during the years 1967 through 1970 was subject to unincorporated business tax.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Louis Rosenthal, filed New York State resident returns for the years 1967 through 1970. He failed to file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for said years.

- 2. On May 2, 1972, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner, Louis Rosenthal, imposing additional personal income tax for 1970 of \$289.93. The Statement also imposed unincorporated business tax for the years 1967 through 1970 of \$2,008.39, on the grounds that petitioner's activities as an independent sales agent constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business. Accordingly, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency dated September 25, 1972.
- 3. Petitioner did not protest the personal income tax portion of the deficiency.
- 4. Petitioner was a salesman for Ketcham and McDougall, Inc. (and their affiliated companies), located in New Jersey. He also represented four other companies during the years 1967 through 1970, from which he derived 24% to 30% of his total commission income.
- 5. Petitioner was restricted by Ketcham and McDougall, Inc. to selling in New Jersey, in Rockland County, New York, and in eastern Pennsylvania.
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## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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- B. That Ketcham and McDougall, Inc. did not exercise the degree of control that is determinative of whether or not petitioner was an employee. (Matter of Hardy v. Murphy 289 N.Y.S. 2d 694)
- C. That petitioner did not sustain the burden of proof required to support his contention that the offices of Ketcham and McDougall, Inc. in New Jersey constituted a regular place of business; therefore, no allocation of business income is allowed.

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DATED: Albany, New York

January 24, 1979

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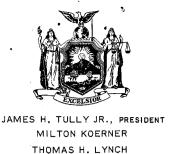
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