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In the Matter of the Petition of Hyman Shapiro

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Hyman Shapiro 359 East Main Street Mount Kisco, NY 10549

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 petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

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Sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1983.

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May 27, 1983

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Dear Mr. Shapiro:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 & 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 Law and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

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## ISSUE

Whether the petitioner is engaged in an unincorporated business when his income producing activities consist of placing real estate loans and managing real estate enterprises.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Deficiency was issued against petitioner, Hyman Shapiro, on April 14, 1977, for unincorporated business tax for the years 1969, 1970 and 1971 in the amount of \$8,770.46, plus penalties for failure to file returns or to pay taxes in the amount of \$4,165.96 and interest of \$2,958.57, for a total of \$15,894.99.

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DATED: Albany, New York

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