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In the Matter of the Petition

of

JAMES A. & ELIZABETH HOROWITZ:

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

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income
Taxes under Article(s) 22 of the
Tax Law for the (Year(s) 1967

State of New York County of Albany

Martha Funaro , 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 16th day of March , 1972, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon James A. & Elizabeth Horowitz (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: James A. & Elizabeth Horowitz

Box 2738

Aspen, Colorado 81611

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 of) 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

16th day of March , 1972.

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Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Louis Sternbach,
Esq. (representative of) the petitioner in the within
proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid
wrapper addressed as follows: Louis Sternbach, Esq.
10 East 40th Street
New York, New York 10016

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STATE TAX COMMISSION

# STATE OF NEW YORK

# DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

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NORMAN F. GALLMAN, ACTING PRESIDENT

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Dated: Albany, New York

March 16, 1972

James A. & Elisabeth Horovits Box 2738 Aspen, Colorado 81611

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Morowitz:

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

of

Please take further notice that pursuant to **section 690 of** the Tax Law any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within **4 Months** after the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relating hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

Migel G. Wright

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HEARING OFFICER

cc Petitioner's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

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JAMES A. & ELIZABETH HOROWITZ

DECISION

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for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1967.

James A. & Elizabeth Horowitz filed a petition for the redetermination of a deficiency and for refund of personal income tax for the year 1967.

A hearing was held on June 23, 1971, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer.

Louis Sternbach, C.P.A. represented the petitioners. Edward H. Best, Esq., (Francis X. Boylan, Esq., of Counsel) represented the Income Tax Bureau. The record of said hearing has been duly examined and considered.

# **ISSUE**

The issue in this case is whether the petitioners, who had been domiciled in New York, changed their domicile in 1967.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mr. Horowitz graduated from West Point and served in the Air Force, reaching the rank of major. While stationed in Germany he wrote a novel, "The Hunters", which was published and later made into a movie. When he left the Air Force in 1957, he took up residence in New York.

- 2. In 1959 Mr. Horowitz went to Aspen, Colorado, for a few weeks to visit a close friend. He has visited Aspen every summer from 1960 to 1967. In 1961 he purchased an old house in Aspen. Each year through 1966 he made substantial improvements, expanding it from one bathroom and three bedrooms to three bathrooms and six bedrooms. It has always had heat and is a year-round house. In June, 1967 he and his family drove to Aspen, taking with them some personal belongings. They left from Aspen to go to Europe September 1, 1967. At that time the house was rented on a month-to-month lease to one tenant until Mrs. Horowitz returned to it in January, 1969.
- 3. Mr. Horowitz built his own house on Tweed Boulevard in Nyack, New York in 1966 and lived in it for about six months. His children were in the local schools. By June of 1967 Mr. Horowitz knew that he would be in Europe the next year. He took the children out of school at the end of the semester and got copies of their transcripts for use in other school systems. He states that his wife had become dissatisfied with the Nyack house and a decision was made to move permanently to Colorado. In June, 1967 he removed many of his personal belongings. This was rented out on a year-to-year lease beginning on October 11, 1967. It was partially furnished. He still owns this house though it is now up for sale.
- 4. At the end of the summer of 1967 Mr. Horowitz and his family left Aspen to commence their trip to Europe. They came to New York and stayed over a few nights in the Nyack house. On September 1, 1967 they sailed from New York City for France where Mr. Horowitz worked as a writer and as a director of movies. He wrote the script for "Downhill Racer" while he was there. He claimed to be qualified as a

resident of France from September for purposes of excluding foreign income from his federal income tax under section 911(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. This exclusion was reflected both in the New York State return as filed and in the computation of the deficiency.

- 5. Mr. Horowitz's 1967 New York tax return filed in April, 1968 states that he was a resident until August 31, 1967. Mr. Horowitz claims to have registered to vote in Colorado sometime in 1967.
- 6. The refund in issue amounts to \$1,447.08 claimed on the tax return as filed and arising because of an excess of withholding taxes and estimated taxes over the tax computed on only that part of the total income considered to be earned prior to September 1, 1967. The deficiency in issue is dated May 26, 1969. It arises from determining a tax on Mr. Horowitz's total income for 1967 and amounts to, after withholding and estimated taxes are deducted, \$191.95 plus interest of \$12.82.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The petitioners have not sustained the burden of proof that they changed their domicile in 1967.

## DECISION

The petition is denied. The claim for refund is denied. The deficiency is found correct as stated and is due together with such further interest, if any, as may be due under section 684 of the Tax Law.

DATED: Albany, New York

March 16, 1973

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