In the Matter of the Petition

of

SAMUEL KOSSOWER

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

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income & Unincomporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 16 & 16-A of the Tax Law for the (Year(s) 1956, 1957:

and 1959

State of New York County of Albany

Lynn Wilson , 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 9th day of July , 1973, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon SAMUEL KOSSOWER (representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. Samuel Kossower

2751 Palm Aire Drive So.
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060

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

9th day of July , 1973.

Lynn Wilson



STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

BUILDING 9, ROOM 214A STATE CAMPUS

ALBANY, N. Y. 12227

AREA CODE 518 457-2655, 6, 7 STATE TAX COMMISSION HEARING UNIT

> EDWARD ROOK SECRETARY TO COMMISSION

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

STATE TAX COMMISSION

NORMAN F. GALLMAN, PRESIDENT A. BRUCE MANLEY MILTON KOERNER

DATED:

Albany, New York

July 9, 1973

Mr. Samuel Kossower 2751 Palm Aire Drive So. Pompano Beach, Florida 33060

Dear Mr. Kossower:

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

of

Please take further notice that pursuant to sections 375 & 386j the Tax Law any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 90 days 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

Faul B. Coburn HEARING OFFICER

cc Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau STATE OF NEW YORK

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for Revision or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 16 of the Tax Law and Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 16-A of the Tax Law for the Years 1956, 1957 and 1959.

Applicant, Samuel Kossower, has filed applications for revision or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 16 of the Tax Law and unincorporated business taxes under Article 16-A of the Tax Law for the years 1956, 1957 and 1959. (File Nos. B-746084, B-846532 and AB-049131). A formal hearing was scheduled before Paul B. Coburn, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission,

80 Centre Street, New York, New York, for April 25, 1973, at 9:15

A.M. Prior to the formal hearing, applicant advised the State Tax Commission, in writing, that he waived a formal hearing and submitted the case to the State Tax Commission upon the entire record contained in the file. The State Tax Commission renders the following determination after due consideration of said record.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the selling activities of applicant, Samuel Kossower, during the years 1956, 1957 and 1959 constitute the carrying on of an unincorporated business?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Applicant, Samuel Kossower, filed New York State income tax resident returns for the years 1956, 1957 and 1959. He filed New York State unincorporated business tax returns for the years 1957 and 1959. He did not file a New York State unincorporated business tax return for the year 1956.
- 2. On February 25, 1960, the Income Tax Bureau issued a
 Notice of Additional Assessment against applicant, Samuel Kossower,
 imposing unincorporated business tax upon the income received by him
 from his sales activities during the year 1956 upon the grounds
 that said activities constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated
 business and assessed unincorporated business tax in the sum of
 \$387.96 and penalties in the sum of \$19.40. It also assessed
 additional personal income tax, resulting from unsubstantiated
 deductions, in the sum of \$280.00, which assessment is not uncontested by applicant.
- 3. On April 3, 1961, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Additional Assessment against applicant, Samuel Kossower, imposing for the year 1957 additional personal income tax in the sum of \$280.00 and additional unincorporated business tax in the sum of \$128.00 as a result of a disallowance of unsubstantiated deductions. Applicant does not contest the disallowance of unsubstantiated deductions, but claims a refund of unincorporated business tax paid for said year.
- 4. On April 10, 1961, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Additional Assessment against applicant, Samuel Kossower, imposing

for the year 1959 additional personal income tax in the sum of \$300.00 and additional unincorporated business tax in the sum of \$96.00 as a result of a disallowance of unsubstantiated deductions. Applicant does not contest the disallowance of unsubstantiated deductions, but claims a refund of unincorporated business taxes paid for said year.

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 Samuel Kossower, was a furniture salesman. He represented
 several unaffiliated firms in the sale of furniture. The products
 sold by him for each firm were noncompetitive. He used his home
 as an office. He did not have any employees. His territory
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the income received by applicant, Samuel Kossower, from the firms that he represented during the years 1956, 1957 and 1959 constituted income from his regular business of selling furniture and not compensation as an employee exempt from the imposition of the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 386 of the Tax Law.
- B. That the aforesaid activities of applicant, Samuel Kossower, during the years 1956, 1957 and 1959 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 386 of the Tax Law.
- C. That applicant, Samuel Kossower, failed to prove that he was entitled to an allocation of business income for the years 1956, 1957 and 1959 as provided for in section 386g of the Tax Law.
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DATED: Albany, New York
July 9, 1973

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DEFAULT ORDER VACATED----

SEE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM

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