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Mr. & Mrs. Marry M. Fredlund

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In the Matter of the Petition

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HARRY M. FREDLUND and JOYCE FREDLUND

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

Janet Mack , 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 27th day of August , 1974 , she served the within

Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Harry M. Fredlund

and Joyce Fredlund (representative xof) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Harry M. Fredlund

154 Rustic Gate

Dix Hills, New York

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.

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Sworn to before me this

27th day of August

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That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representations

XXI) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last

known address of the (representative vectors) petitioner.

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20th day of August

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Janet Mack , 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 20th day of August , 1974 , she served the within
Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Herbert M.
Wiener, C.P.A. (representative of) the petitioner in the within
proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid
wrapper addressed as follows: Herbert M. Wiener, C.P.A.
637 Middle Neck Road
Great Neck, New York

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.

Janet Mack

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# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

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DATED:

Albany, New York

August 20, 1974

Mr. & Mrs. Herry M. Fredlund 21 Schenck Avenue Great Neck, New York 11021

## Dear Mr. & Mrs. Fredlund:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within from 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 relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

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Enc.

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cc: Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

HARRY M. FREDLUND and JOYCE FREDLUND:

DECISION

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

Petitioners, Harry M. Fredlund and Joyce Fredlund, petitioned for a redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1967. (File No. 78889424). A formal hearing was held at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York, on November 12, 1973, at 2:00 P.M., before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer. The petitioner was represented by Herbert M. Wiener, C.P.A., and the Income Tax Bureau was represented by Saul Heckelman, Esq. (Francis X. Boylan, Esq. of counsel).

### **ISSUE**

Did petitioners properly deduct the costs of a trip to Europe as an education expense?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioners, Harry M. Fredlund and Joyce Fredlund, timely filed New York State resident and Federal joint income tax returns for the year 1967.
- 2. On December 29, 1969, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioners disallowing the deductions for a trip to Europe as education expenses on the grounds

that said expenses were not properly substantiated. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement, the Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency against petitioners in the sum of \$221.92.

- 3. Petitioners, Harry M. Fredlund and his wife Joyce Fredlund, were both professional teachers in the Roslyn, New York public schools in 1967. Harry M. Fredlund taught sixth grade, which included comparative studies of Western Europe and American Civilizations. Joyce Fredlund taught fifth grade, which included similar comparative studies subjects.
- 4. Petitioners travelled in Europe in the Summer of 1967, and visited the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France and England. They observed the dress, customs, arts, and other cultural aspects of life in these countries.
- 5. Petitioners did not attend any formal classes in Europe, nor did they go to any convention or symposium for teachers during their trip.
- 6. Petitioners took over four hundred slides while in Europe, and used their slides extensively in their classes in Roslyn. They made continuous references to their trip in their classes, so as to motivate their students by causing them to become interested in other lands.
  - 7. Petitioners' expenses for the trip were not unreasonable.

    CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
- A. That, while petitioners' trip was broadening, enriching culturally, and may have added to their sensitivity to, and understanding of, others, there is no showing that the benefits of the

trip bore a sufficienctly direct relationship to the teaching activities of petitioners to convert what are normally personal expenses incurred on a holiday into business expenses. George W. Baker and June E. Baker, 73,206 P-H Memo T.C.

- B. That petitioners' trip was not an education expense in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 162(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Reg. Section 1.162-5(d).
- C. That the petition of Harry M. Fredlund and Joyce Fredlund is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued on December 29, 1969, is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

August 20, 1974

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

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