In the Matter of the Petition

of

KENNETH J. CLARK AND GAY CLARK

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or : a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income of the Taxes under Article (s) 22 Tax Law for the Year(s) xxxx xxx xxix (x) 1968,: 1969, 1970 and 1971.

State of New York County of Albany

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that Carmen Mottolese she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 6th day of August , 1976, she served the within by (certified) mail upon Kenneth J. Clark and Notice of Decision (MANYEREMENTALINE WITH PROCEEDING, Gay Clark by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Kenneth J. Clark and Gay Clark 403 Chestnut Avenue East Meadow, New York 11554

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.

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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(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. Charles Becker

P.O. Box 1185

Fort Lee, NJ 07024

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 (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 TAX COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

August 6, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

Kenneth J. Clark and Gay Clark 403 Chestnut Avenue East Meadow, New York 11554

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Clark:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

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. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Enc.

Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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KENNETH J. CLARK and GAY CLARK :

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.

Petitioners, Kenneth J. Clark and Gay Clark, residing at 403
Chestnut Avenue, East Meadow, New York 11554, have filed petitions
for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax
under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 (File
No. 0-58455639), and 1971 (File No. 1-84121889). Petitioners and
their representative, Charles Becker, waived in writing a formal hearing
and submitted the case to the State Tax Commission upon the entire record
contained in the file.

ISSUE

Were the petitioners, Kenneth J. Clark and Gay Clark, entitled to deductions under Section 162(a) (2), I.R.C. for the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 for amounts expended for meals, lodging and transportation while Kenneth J. Clark worked away from East Meadow, New York?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioners, Kenneth J. Clark and Gay Clark, timely filed New York State income tax returns for the years in issue.
- 2. On April 10, 1972, the Income Tax Bureau issued statements of audit changes for the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 against the petitioners disallowing deductions for travel, lodging and meals incurred away from home by petitioner, Kenneth J. Clark, in his capacity as a construction worker. In accordance with the aforesaid statements of audit changes, it issued notices of deficiency totaling \$2,633.68. Subsequently, on April 26, 1973, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes for the year 1971 disallowing the same deductions as for the prior years. In accordance with said Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$712.36.
- 3. Petitioners, Kenneth J. Clark and Gay Clark, maintained a permanent residence at 403 Chestnut Avenue, East Meadow, New York, during the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.
- 4. Petitioner, Kenneth J. Clark, was employed by the Foster-Lipkin Corporation as a project administrator. In 1968 and 1969, he was employed in Rochester, New York, administering to projects at Monroe

Community College and R. I. T. In January, 1970, he left Rochester and until May, 1970, was employed at the home office of Foster-Lipkin in New York. From May, 1970 until June 1971, he was employed at the South Mall project in Albany, New York

5. The petitioners did not change their residence. Gay Clark and their children remained at home in East Meadow, New York during the years in issue. Mr. Clark spent the week at the job sites and returned to East Meadow on week-ends. He received \$5,000 a year for the years 1968, 1969 and 1970, and \$7,800 in the year 1971 from the Foster-Lipkin Corporation for expenses incurred for travel, meals and lodging. There was no definite time period for the work assignments.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That petitioners, Kenneth J. Clark and Gay Clark, are liable for the additional tax assessed. Petitioner, Kenneth J. Clark, worked in Rochester for two years and in Albany for 13 months. For purpose of the travel expense deduction, an employment of actual duration of more than one year at a particular location is strongly indicative of a presence beyond a temporary period. The lack of an anticipated duration for the employment period underscores the indefinite nature of the employment.

The employment was not temporary and cannot be characterized as "away from home" for the purpose of section 162(a)(2) I.R.C. Rochester, New York and Albany, New York must be considered petitioner, Kenneth J. Clark's tax home for travel expense purposes.

B. That the petitions are denied.

DATED: Albany, New York August 6, 1976 STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER