In the Matter of the Petition

of

#### ALLEN HERMAN

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or : a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income&Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 22 & 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) \*\*Extract(s) : 1971 and 1972.

State of New York County of Albany

Bruce Batchelor , being duly sworn, deposes and says that the is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 21stday of December , 1976, Take served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Allen Herman

(TEXTREMENTALIZED the petitioner in the within proceeding,
by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
as follows:

Mr. Allen Herman

25 Central Park West New York, New York 10023

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 OFFICE) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (REPRESENTATIVE XMEXIMENTE REPRESENTATIVE XMEXIMENTE REPRESENTATIVE XMEXIMENTE PROPERTY AND PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE XMEXIMENTE PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE PROPER

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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. Ted R. Elkort

35 West 53rd Street
New York, New York 10023

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 OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

#### TAX APPEALS BUREAU

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

December 21, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

Mr. Allen Herman 25 Central Park West New York, New York 10023

Dear Mr. Herman:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 690 & 722 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.

Very truly yours,

Supervisor of Small

Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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### STATE OF NEW YORK

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income and Unincorporated Business Taxes under Articles 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1971 and 1972.

Petitioner, Allen Herman, residing at 25 Central Park West, New York, New York, has filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal and unincorporated business taxes under Articles 22 and 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1971 and 1972. (File No. 2-14196420).

A small claims hearing was held August 17, 1976, at 10:45 A.M. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, before Harry Huebsch, Small Claims Hearing Officer. Petitioner, Allen Herman, appeared by Ted R. Elkort, Public Accountant. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (William Fox, Esq. of counsel).

# <u>ISSUE</u>

The only issue is whether or not petitioner, Allen Herman's income from activities as a representative is subject to unincorporated business tax.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, Allen Herman, filed timely 1971 and 1972 personal income tax returns in which he indicated his occupation as "theatrical management" and, except for interest income, he reported all his income as business income. Petitioner, Allen Herman, did not file unincorporated business tax returns. The Income Tax Bureau held that petitioner, Allen Herman, was self-employed and that his income was subject to unincorporated business tax. A Notice of Deficiency dated July 28, 1975 was issued for personal income and unincorporated business taxes due. The personal income tax increase in the amount of \$192.10 resulted from a Federal adjustment which petitioner, Allen Herman, is not contesting. The total additional tax due shown on the Notice of Deficiency is \$1,436.11, penalty \$495.59, and interest \$263.47 for a total of \$2,195.17.
- 2. Petitioner, Allen Herman, represented several clients in the radio and television commercials field. He operated under written contracts with each client. Petitioner, Allen Herman, handled the negotiation and detail work leading to the signing of contracts to perform by the clients. The results to be obtained had to be acceptable to the clients.
- 3. Petitioner, Allen Herman's clients did not issue withholding tax statement forms to him or make any deductions from his compensation. Petitioner's clients paid him on a fee basis. In addition to services performed for clients, petitioner, Allen Herman, performed business connected services for employers who did issue

withholding tax statements to him. Petitioner, Allen Herman, received withholding tax statements from two employers in 1971 showing compensation totaling \$474.62. For 1972, one employer issued a withholding tax statement indicating \$176.00 as wages paid to petitioner. Petitioner, Allen Herman's gross business income including such income from employers was \$32,019.00 in 1971 and \$26,474.00 in 1972.

4. Petitioner, Allen Herman, did not report any expense reimbursement from principals on his Federal or state returns. He filed Federal Schedule C in which he deducted expenses for rent, depreciation, secretarial work, cleaning and maintenance, postage, gifts, insurance, travel and entertainment. Petitioner, Allen Herman, financed his own retirement plan. He was not provided office space by any of his employers and had his own letterheads. There was no indication of any restrictions by employers on the number of clients petitioner, Allen Herman, could represent or any division of petitioner's time between employers.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That the fees received for services as a representative by petitioner, Allen Herman, from clients he represented and from wages from other employers earned in 1971 and 1972 does not constitute income received as an employee exempt from the imposition of unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(b) of the Tax Law.

- B. That the activities of petitioner, Allen Herman, during the years 1971 and 1972 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business and that his income derived therefrom was subject to unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(a) of the Tax Law.
- C. That the petition of Allen Herman is denied and the Notice of Deficiency dated July 28, 1975, is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York
December 21, 1976

STATE TAX COMMISSION

RESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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