In the Matter of the Petition

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State of New York County of Albany

Bruce Batchelor , being duly sworn, deposes and says that

whe is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of

age, and that on the 8th day of April , 1977, whe served the within

Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon John E. & Nancy B. Harr

(representative xxx) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed

as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. John E. Harr

35 Highland Avenue

Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

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 state) 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

8th day of April

, 1977.

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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

April 8, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

Mr. & Mrs. John E. Harr 35 Highland Avenue Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Harr:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(x) 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.

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Supervisor of Small

Claims Hearings

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Taxing Bureau's Representative:

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition :

of

JOHN E. HARR and NANCY B. HARR

**DECISION** 

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1971.

Petitioners, John E. Harr and Nancy B. Harr, residing at 35 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028, have filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1971. (File No. 1-73087261).

A small claims hearing was held before Joseph A. Milack, Small Claims Hearing Officer, on September 13, 1976, at 1:15 P.M. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York. The petitioner, John E. Harr, appeared prose and for his wife, petitioner, Nancy B. Harr. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Paul Rosenkranz, Esq., of counsel).

#### ISSUE

Whether days worked by petitioner, John E. Harr, at his home in New Jersey during the year 1971 constituted days worked outside of New York State.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioners, John E. Harr and Nancy B. Harr, timely filed a New York State income tax nonresident return for the year 1970.
- 2. On October 5, 1973, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioners, John E. Harr and Nancy B. Harr, imposing additional income tax due upon the grounds that petitioner, John E. Harr, improperly allocated 92 days he worked at his home in New Jersey as days worked outside of New York State. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency on January 27, 1975 in the sum of \$1,526.84.
- 3. Petitioners, John E. Harr and Nancy B. Harr, were residents of the State of New Jersey during the year 1971.
- 4. Since 1967, petitioner, John E. Harr, has been employed as an associate of Mr. John D. Rockefeller III and performed his services as an employee in Mr. Rockefeller's New York City offices. His services as an employee of Mr. Rockefeller primarily consists of writing assignments such as speeches and articles.
- 5. During 1971, petitioner, John E. Harr, was directed to begin a major assignment which involved the first draft of a book. In order to allow petitioner, John E. Harr, to work in an atmosphere conducive to writing, Mr. Rockefeller suggested that applicant do his work at an office other than the one located in New York City. Several locations were considered, none

of which were located within New York State, until petitioner and Mr. Rockefeller agreed that the ideal writing environment would be achieved at the private office applicant maintained in his New Jersey home.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That, the 92 days worked at home in New Jersey during the year 1971 by petitioner, John E. Harr, were worked there by reason of his convenience and not for the necessity of his employer and, therefore, said 92 days must be held to be days worked within New York in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 632(c) of the Tax Law and 20 NYCRR 131.16.
- B. That, the petition of John E. Harr and Nancy B. Harr is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued on January 27, 1975 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

April 8, 1977

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