In the Matter of the Petition

of

PHILIP and MARJORIE CRAMER

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

John Huhn , 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 24th day of January , 1979 , Whe served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Philip and Marjorie Cramer

John Huhn

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

as follows: Philip and Marjorie Cramer

606 East 3rd Street Brooklyn, New York 11218

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.

Sworn to before me this

24th day of January , 1

1979.



THOMAS H. LYNCH

STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

January 24, 1979

Philip and Marjorie Cramer 606 East 3rd Street Brooklyn, New York 11218

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cramer:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(x) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 Months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH CHYRYWATY HEARING EXAMINER

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

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DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1972.

Petitioners, Philip and Marjorie Cramer, 606 East 3rd Street Brooklyn, New York 11218, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1972 (File No. 11977).

A small claims hearing was held before Robert F. Mulligan, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York on Friday, January 13, 1978 at 1:15 P.M. Petitioners appeared pro se. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Samuel Freund, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether any portion of the amounts received by petitioner Marjorie Cramer during 1972, while a resident physician, was excludable from her gross income as a fellowship grant.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On May 14, 1974, petitioners, Philip and Marjorie Cramer, filed a joint New York State income tax resident return for the calendar year 1972, on which they excluded from their adjusted gross income the sum of \$1,800.00, which was claimed as a fellowship exclusion.
- 2. On October 25, 1974, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes to petitioners, on the grounds that the stipends received by petitioner Marjorie Cramer, as a resident physician, constituted compensation for services rendered and were not excludable from income. Pursuant to the aforesaid Statement, a Notice of Deficiency was issued on May 19, 1975 in the amount of \$129.11, plus interest of \$3.94, less a refund of \$104.00 which was claimed on petitioners' return.
- 3. Prior to the years at issue, petitioner Marjorie Cramer received her Doctor of Medicine degree from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, interned at Downstate Medical Center (Kings County Hospital), was licensed to practice medicine and spent two years in residency in general surgery at Downstate.
- 4. From January 1 through June 30, 1972 (during Dr. Cramer's third year of residency), she was in training as a plastic surgeon and served as an Assistant Instructor assigned to Downstate's experimental laboratory. However, she did not teach or

assist in teaching during this period. Her duties consisted of laboratory and library research performed under the auspices of the plastic surgery division of the Department of Surgery. During this period, Dr. Cramer co-authored an article based, in part, on her research, which appeared in the medical journal "Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery."

- 5. Research work performed by Dr. Cramer during the aforementioned period was beneficial to her in her development as a plastic surgeon.
- 6. During 1972, Dr. Cramer was paid \$15,094.76 by the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. Federal, State and City income taxes were withheld from said amount. No social security taxes were withheld. Petitioners contend that Dr. Cramer was entitled to a fellowship exclusion of \$300.00 per month for the period January 1 through June 30, 1972, i.e., the sum of \$1,800.00, the amount which was excluded from income on petitioners' return.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That petitioners, Philip and Marjorie Cramer, have not sustained the burden of proof required (under section 689(e) of the Tax Law) to show that the amounts received by petitioner Marjorie Cramer during the period January 1 through June 30, 1972 did not represent amounts paid as compensation for her services or that they were not primarily for the benefit of Downstate

Medical Center, Kings County Hospital, or the City of New York Health and Hospitals Corporation, within the meaning of Treas. Reg. section 1.117-4(c). Accordingly, no part of the payments made to said petitioner is to be considered an amount received as a scholarship or fellowship grant for purposes of section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code.

B. That the petition of Philip and Marjorie Cramer is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued May 19, 1975 is sustained, together with such additional interest as may be lawfully owing.

DATED: Albany, New York January 24, 1979

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TO Miss Davis, REMAILED: 2/16/79

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That deponent further says that the said addressee is the **REPRESENTATIONS** petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (**REPRESENTATIONS** petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

16th day of February , 1979.

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