

December 17th 2015

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(This Letter has 2 pages)

Dear Ms. Sadowski,

Thank you in advance for your time. Also, please forgive my less-than-perfect English. I would like to discuss with you a few things:

1. Sometime in the beginning of September, I received from you a notice of deficiency, dated JUL 22nd 2015 (Cover page attached beneath for reference).
2. My understanding is that not my calculations are disputed, but you have missing substantiating documents. Hence I went ahead and had these documents translated (yet again. Long story...), and have sent the, to you by mail on Oct. 21.
3. The mail service in Israel is very bad recently, so I gave it 2 months to hear from you.
4. I have not heard from you by now. So on December 15th I called your phone number as stated on your deficiency notice (973-921-4159), to check if you received my mail, and also to get an update from you.
5. Unfortunately for me, your answering machine clarified that you will be away until mid-Jan 2016.
6. Your answering machine also made me aware of the deadline on the Notice of Deficiency (regarding petitioning the tax court) , something I have not noticed when I read the notice (my bad).
7. Your answering machine also encouraged considering filing the petition if the deadline is before your return in January.
8. Because I had no way of contacting you to know if you got the documents etc., I had no choice but indeed file the said petition, and it was fedexed to the tax court on Dec 16th.

9. Obviously, I would much rather handle the issue without court involvement. Our disagreement relies solely on document deficiency, documents that are quite readily available (albeit need costly translation).
10. At this point it might be worthwhile to note, that prior to this audit, I was already audited for the years 2006 2007 2009 by the IRS, and most of the relevant documents (marital status, child identity and dependency etc.) were translated, notarized, submitted and accepted by the IRS in 2012. My case at the time was handled by Ms. Juhenny A. Blanco-Soto, Tax Compliance Officer, ID #. 0313916. I do not think it is fair I need to go thru this again.
11. It is not clear to me how to proceed from here. These are my questions:
 - a. **Did you receive the documents I have sent you in October?**
 - b. **If not, is there any point to resend them (via fedex this time. Again, VERY costly!)**
 - c. **Are you still the person handling my case, or is it out of your hand once the deadline arrived, and a tax court petition was filed?**
12. In any case, I would very much appreciate if you could give me a call (+972-54-80-400-40) to discuss these issues, once you have a chance. My contact information is beneath. Please please do not hesitate to call at any time. I am very insecure about all this, and would be grateful for any guidance.

Again, thank you for your time, and Happy New Year.

Best Regards,

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