

1 be gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held
 2 for less than six months on the day that the option
 3 expires.

4 ~~“(2) DEFINITIONS.—~~

5 ~~“(A) For purposes of this section a ‘straddle’~~
 6 ~~is defined as a combination of an option to buy and~~
 7 ~~an option to sell, giving the holder the right to both~~
 8 ~~buy and sell a specified quantity of a security at a~~
 9 ~~fixed price for a stated period of time.~~

10 ~~“(B) For purposes of this paragraph ‘security’~~
 11 ~~shall not include contracts to buy or sell commod-~~
 12 ~~ities.~~

13 ~~“(3) EXCLUSION OF DEALERS.—This subsection~~
 14 ~~shall not apply to any person who holds securities for~~
 15 ~~sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or~~
 16 ~~business.”~~

17 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

18 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall apply to options granted after
 19 January 25, 1965.

20 *That section 1234 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (re-*
 21 *lating to options) is amended by redesignating subsection (c)*
 22 *as subsection (d) and by inserting after subsection (b) the*
 23 *following new subsection:*

24 **“(c) SPECIAL RULE FOR GRANTORS OF STRADDLES.—**

25 **“(1) GAIN ON LAPSE.—***In the case of gain on lapse*