

July 13, 1950
(dictated July 12)

Mr. Norbert Wollheim
Wakenitz-Strasse 34b
Lubeck, Germany
(British Zone of Occupation)

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In accordance with your request, I am enclosing herewith one original and two copies of an affidavit which I hope will serve its purpose. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

It is now certain that I will not come to Europe before I start my vacation in Brazil. I will leave for Rio de Janeiro by plane on July 29th and will spend most of the time with my friends in Parana on their coffee plantation. I have booked a return flight from Rio on August 25th, and expect to be back in my office on August 28th. You can always reach me through my New York office if necessary.

With best wishes and regards to you and to all members of your family.

Yours cordially,

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

HERMANNE. SIMON, residing at 160 Broadway
in the City, County and State of New York, being duly
sworn, deposes and says:

1. Norbert Wellheim of Wakenitz-Strasse 34b,
Lubeck, Germany, has informed me that in connection
with his application for a visa to the United States,
the fact has been doubted that he ever was an inmate
of a concentration camp in Germany and, consequently,
is a displaced person in the meaning of the corresponding
regulations.

2. The undersigned was a member of the
Army of the United States, and served in May 1945 as
a Staff Sergeant with the Interrogation Team #59 of
the 8th American Infantry Division. My Army serial
number was 32653089, and my mailing address in May 1945
was as follows: S/Sgt. Hermann E. Simon, ASN 32653089
US Army, FID T. 8th Inf. Div., APO No. 8, c/o Post-
master, New York, New York.

3. When, with the 8th Army Infantry Division
and one of its infantry regiments, I was stationed in a
place called Alt-Zachun, near Schwerin in Mecklenburg,

Germany. During one of my visits with the Counter-Intelligence Section attached to the 8th Division, I met Norbert Wollheim who was then in Schwerin, and still in concentration camp clothing. He lived in a furnished room, together with two other former inmates of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, a certain Henry Sprung and Albert Kimmelstiel. Both Sprung and Kimmelstiel have since immigrated to the United States, and are residing in the United States.

On the basis of the information which our Counter-Intelligence Section obtained from Norbert Wollheim, I wrote letters to my friends on May 12, 1945 and May 13, 1945, of which I enclose copies herewith. In the letter of May 12, 1945, which was written in Alt-Zachun, Schwerin, Norbert Wollheim is mentioned several times as follows:

(Page 2) ".....and on March 7, 1943 Norbert Wollheim, on whose personal report most of the information contained in this letter is based. I have found him by accident at my present location after he had escaped from one of the concentration camps and reached the American lines on May 4, 1945."

(Page 3) "Norbert Wollheim learned only after many months that his wife and child who had arrived with him had at once been killed - as had his parents and probably his sister before."

(Page 4) "Conditions improved somewhat for a group of specialist workers, among them the welder Norbert Wollheim, when about 1200 British prisoners of war arrived for work in the plant and did all in their power to assist their co-workers and shared their rations and Red Cross packages with them."

4. I have not the slightest doubt in my mind that Norbert Wollheim's statements with regard to his internment in a concentration camp are true,

and that he deserves every assistance which the law provides for displaced persons.

5. Together with other members of my military unit, I assisted Norbert Wollheim and a number of other former inmates of concentration camps in moving from Schwerin to Luebeck to allow them to take up residence in the British Zone of Occupation before the American and British units evacuated Mecklenburg which was to become part of the Russian Zone of Occupation. I did this because in 1945 Norbert Wollheim had already decided to leave Germany and to immigrate either to Israel or to the United States.

6. During the time the 8th Infantry Division was stationed in Schwerin and its neighborhood, Norbert Wollheim assisted the work of the Intelligence Units of the division.

7. From my own experience in May 1945, I know that Norbert Wollheim was well known to other former inmates of concentration camps who had escaped to the American-British Zones of Occupation. He was held in high regard by these other inmates because he was always anxious to help to improve the difficult situation of these displaced persons.

8. I was honorably discharged from the military service of the United States of America on July 8, 1945 as a Staff Sergeant of Headquarters Company 8th Infantry Division at the separation center of Ford Dix, New Jersey.

9. I am a member of the Bar of the State of New York, and I am practicing law as a member of the law firm of Riegelman, Strasser, Schwarz & Spiegelberg in New York City, New York.

Herman Ch... ..

Subscribed and Sworn to
before me this 3rd day
of July 1950.

Lillian S. Cohen (Albert)

LILLIAN S. COHEN (ALBERT)
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 41-0686700
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and Registers and Queens County Register
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