Norbert Wollheim, his wife and two small children arrived at Idlewild, New York, by plane on Friday, September 28, 1951, as an immigrant under the D.P. Act, and was detained by the Immigration Authorities and brought to Ellis Island. Mr. Wollheim had been granted a visa for immigration after he had been checked by the U.S. authorities for more than one year. His sponsor is his cousin, Charlie Haase of 627 Oriental Avenue, Atlantic City.

Mr. Wollheim was born in Germany. He is about 38 years old. Under the Nazi persecution of the Jews he was for a long time in concentration camps, among them Auschwitz. His first wife and the child of his first marriage were killed by the Nazis.

After the liberation, he took domicile in Luebeck (British Zone of Germany) and was appointed as the Jewish representative of the German Jews in the British Zone by the British occupation authorities. In this capacity he had to deal both with the occupation authorities and with the German authorities of the various German Länder in the British Zone. When the Jewish organisations of the three Western Zones and Berlin amalgamated in a Central Council of Jews in Germany, Mr. Wollheim was elected as one of the four directors, who, in the fall of 1950, were received by the U.S. High Commissioner, Mr. McCloy, to discuss various problems.

In his capacity of Jewish representative, Mr. Wollheim worked closely with the representatives of the J.D.C., the WJC and with other organisations.
After his detention on Ellis Island, a number of persons sent letters of character in which they expressed the opinion that he is a politically reliable person who, once he will be admitted to the U.S., will be a law-abiding loyal citizen of this country. Such letters were obtained from:

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, former Special Adviser on Jewish Affairs to General Lucius D. Clay, Philadelphia

Harry Greenstein, Philadelphia, former Special Adviser on Jewish Affairs

Dr. Joachim Prinz, Temple B'Nai Abraham, Clinton and Shanley Avenues, Newark, N.J.

Dr. Nachum Goldmann, Co-Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and Acting President of the World Jewish Congress, 15 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y.

Rabbi Michael L. Munk, Beth Jacob of Boro Park, 1413-45th Street, Brooklyn, 19, N.Y.

Dr. Gerhard Jacoby, Research Associate of the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress, 15 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y.

After having been held on Ellis Island for about three weeks, Mr. Wollheim and his family were released on parole. He was again taken into custody yesterday and taken to Ellis Island, and a temporary Exclusion Order handed to him.