U.S. Missionary Family Being Held by Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Sept. 14 (Reuters) — Indonesia is holding an American Christian missionary family in a house near Jakarta following recent unrest in West Irian, formerly Netherland New Guinea.

An Indonesian official said today the family, Harold Lovestand of Brooklyn, and his wife and four children, was being "evaluated." No charges have been brought, he said.

American officials said that the United State Ambassador, Marshall Green, was allowed to visit the Lovesteads yesterday. An official said they were in good health.

Indonesian newspapers charged last month that missionaries were involved in West Irian unrest and that the United States was using missionaries as spies.

Efforts to trace the Lovestand family's connections here were unavailing.