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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 444

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. Due to the low quality of reporting and the lack of specific, particularized information, there is insufficient information to make an assessment of credibility. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make available for immediate public release.

2. (U) **Background.** I considered the following information in making my findings:

a. (U//FOUO) On 30 April 2017, Al Mayadeen reported that 8 civilians were allegedly killed as a result of coalition strike on the city of Al-Tabqah, west of Raqqa.

b. (U) On 16 May 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment and determined to close this allegation at the Initial Assessment stage.

3. (U) **CJTF Initial Assessment**

a. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Airwars.org did not have a corroborating allegation.

b. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Al Mayadeen did not include picture or video evidence of CIVCAS. Moreover, the source did not provide a specific location, e.g., MGRS, name of building.

c. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Although the Al Mayadeen may be considered a reliable quality source—unknown at this time—the details provided in its report are so scant that it is impractical to determine a location and time that the alleged CIVCAS incident took place.

e. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Accordingly, CIVCAS Cell recommended this allegation be closed because, due to the low quality of reporting and the lack of specific, particularized information, there is insufficient information to make an assessment of credibility.

4. (U) **Action.**

(U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the result of this CIVCAS assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

5. (U) Point of contact is (b)(3) 10 USC 130b, (b)(6)

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1. Initial Assessment
2. Screen Shot

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