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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVCAS Team, Combined Joint Task Force- Operation Inherent Resolve, APO, AE 09306

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR) for alleged CIVCAS allegation IVO Wadi Akab, NW Mosul on or about 28 Nov 16 (CJFLCC-OIR CCAR 041/16)

1. BLUF: There were no identified CJFLCC-OIR strikes IVO Wadi Akab during the period 27 – 29 November 2016. This CIVCAS allegation is not credible.

2. CIVCAS Allegation:

a. Source: CJTF-OIR tasked CJLFCC-OIR with the conduct of a CIVCAS in CJTF-OIR 10 Dec 1900z Dec 16 Daily FRAGO to OPORD 16-001 at para 3.2.C.A. The CCAR was to assess an allegation based on WEBOPS, Iraq-Syria Spot Report 29 1410Z Nov 2016, that "at approximately 0455Z on 29 Nov, Iraqi media outlets and social media users on Twitter and Facebook circulated news alleging that yesterday evening [28 Nov 16], CF airstrikes caused CIVCAS. The task aligned CJTF Strike Number (b)(1)1.4g with this allegation.

b. Time and Location: The supporting information alleges that the strike occurred on 28 November 2016 in the industrial area of Wadi Akab.

c. Description: The WEBOPS Report annotates that "CF Airstrikes killed 14 civilians while targeting the industrial area of Wadi Akab, Mosul. Some users claimed the airstrikes also wounded scores of civilians while other users circulated articles reporting that the attack also killed ten ISIL fighters".

3. Analysis: The strike is not assessed to be credible based on an analysis of the CJTF-OIR strike log, CJLFCC-OIR J34 Strike Log, and CJOC-E strike log during the period 27 – 29 November 2016 in vicinity of western Mosul. The CJTF Strike number provided did not align with the facts described in the allegation nor location of the allegation.

a. Coalition Strike Activity: An assessment of the strike logs reveal that there were no strikes IVO Wadi Akab during the period 27-29 November 2016. The attached .kmz outlines that the recorded data for activity on those days in that area only relate to

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Electronic Attack and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) runs in that area (see *Enclosure 1*). This is confirmed in an email from the CJFLCC-OIR J34 Chief of Targeting (see *Enclosure 2*).

b. The strike data for CJTF Strike Number (b)(1)1.4a was also assessed. This strike was described as a target of "ISIL C2 nodes", at 28 (b)(1)1.4a NOV 16 at grid (b)(1)1.4a IVO Mosul. When plotted on the map, this strike is located in East Mosul (east of the River). The industrial area in Wadi Akab is in the far northwest corner of Mosul on the opposite side of the River.

c. Review of WSV/FMV: FMV for Strike (b)(1)1.4a in East Mosul was reviewed (see link to footage at *Enclosure 3*). There was no observed CIVPOL prior to or after the strike, and no observable indicia of CIVCAS. The strike also appears to be on a residential compound, which does not align with the reported CIVCAS.

d. Target Information: There are no CJTF-OIR or CJFLCC-OIR targets that align to this reporting. Strike (b)(1)1.4a is located in East Mosul and is not in the vicinity of the Industrial area of Wadi Akab. (See attached .kmz demonstrating this geographic distance in *Enclosure 1*).

e. Additional Information: There is no additional information available that supports this allegation.

4. Credibility Assessment: Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this CIVCAS allegation is deemed not credible. That is, it is more likely than not that the CIVCAS incident did not occur. This assessment is based upon the absence of any corroborating kinetic strikes IVO Wadi Akab during a three day window around the time of the alleged strike.

5. (U) The point of contact for this memorandum is (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6) on (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6).

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Encls:

1. Wadi Akab strike .kmz, 27 – 29 Nov 16
2. 10 Dec 16 Email – CJFLCC-OIR J34 CIVCAS Checks - Al Qaim and Wadi Akab
3. FMV and strike records for CJTF Strike Number (b)(1)1.4a

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I have conducted a legal review of the information contained in this CCAR and the supporting evidence. Based upon all reasonably available information at this time, I find that;

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(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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I have reviewed the information contained in this CCAR and the supporting evidence. Based upon all reasonably available information at this time, I find that:

___ The evidence supports a finding of CREDIBLE. That is, it is more likely than not that the CIVCAS incident occurred. I direct an investigation be conducted by this command.

___ The evidence supports a finding of CREDIBLE. That is, it is more likely than not that the CIVCAS incident occurred. However, at this time I direct no investigation be conducted by this command, as no additional information could be discovered by further investigation.

9 The evidence supports a finding of NOT CREDIBLE. Without additional evidence, I direct that no further action be taken by this command.



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