MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 502

1. (U) BLUE Based on the below findings, this allegation is NOT CREDIBLE. There were no potentially corroborating strikes IVO al-Suwaydah from 27-30 May 2017. 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) On 30 May 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Pro-Syrian opposition social media users and regional media outlets circulated news on Twitter and Facebook that CF airstrikes killed five civilians and injured ten others in the village of al-Suwaydah east of Raqqa. Most pro-Syrian opposition users condemned the airstrikes and prayed for the dead civilians. This topic trended and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (U) On 31 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 contain a corroborating allegation.

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

c. (S/REL USA, FVEY) The allegation stems from multiple, low quality sources; however, the location provided was specific enough to identify potentially corroborating strikes. The village is a small village east of Raqqa, SY where minimal strikes occur.

d. (S/REL USA, FVEY) There were no strikes IVO al-Suwaydah, SY from 27-30 May 2017.

e. (S/REL USA, FVEY) Accordingly, CIVCAS Cell recommended this allegation be closed because there is insufficient information to corroborate the allegation.

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

2. ENDS

1. Initial Assessment

2. Screen Shot

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