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 COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE
 CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 517

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. A thorough review of all available strike records indicates that it is more likely than not that the alleged civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

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

a. (U/~~FOUO~~) UNAMI reported that, on or about 5 April 2017, a rocket hit a house in the Al Rifai Neighborhood of Western Mosul, killing seven civilians (at least one woman, one child) and wounding three others (at least one child)

b. (U) On 19 May 2017, CJFT-OIR CIVCAS Cell directed CJFLCC to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).

c. (S//~~REL TO USA, FVEY~~) On 23 May 2017, MG Martin approved the assessment, finding the allegation to be **NOT CREDIBLE**. CJFLCC recommends no further action be taken.

3. (U) **CIVCAS Credibility Assessment**

a. (S//~~REL USA, FVEY~~) CJFLCC-OIR J34 and CJOC-E reviewed all available records to determine whether any Coalition strikes, including air to surface and surface to surface fires, from 4 to 6 April 2017 could possibly correlate with the allegation, noting that the allegation does not attribute the attack specifically to Coalition Forces. One Coalition airstrike in and around the Ar Rifa'i neighborhood, Western Mosul (GRG C. 15, C. 16, C. 17) was identified as a potential match. Pre-strike observation of the target structure, however, leads to the conclusion that civilians were likely not present in the house that was attacked, and there is no evidence to conclude that any civilians possibly located in adjacent houses were killed or injured.

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

2 Encls
 1. FIR
 2. CCAR

Kamper 25 Jun 2017
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