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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. 535

1. (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. There were no potentially corroborating strikes IVO Ratlah, SY from 18-20 June 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 20 June 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Pro-Syrian opposition social media users and regional media outlets circulated reports via Twitter and Facebook that CF airstrikes targeting the village of Ratlah, south of Raqqa, killed 44 civilians. Some pro-Syrian opposition social media users condemned the attack while others prayed for the safety of Raqqa residents. A small number of users refuted that the airstrikes ever occurred. This topic trended at a medium level and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (S//REL TO FVEY) On 27 June 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. (U) Airwars.org did not contain a corroborating allegation.
- b. (U) 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. (U) The allegation stems from multiple, low quality sources; however, the location provided was specific enough to identify potentially corroborating strikes.
- d. (S//REL TO FVEY) There were no strikes IVO Ratlah, SY from 18-20 June 2017.
- e. (U) 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 b 3 10 USC 130b, b 6

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 1. Initial Assessment
 2. Screen Shot

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