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30 JUN 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 519

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 11 Apr 2017, around 1000 an airstrike reportedly killed a civilian man and wounded seven other civilians, including a woman, near Omar al-Talib mosque, in the ISIS-controlled al-Siha neighborhood of Western Mosul. At the time of the incident, the victims were in their house, which lies near an ISIS compound. Both the compound and the house were reportedly hit by the airstrike.

b. (U) On 19 May 2017, CJTF-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 10 to 12 April 2017 could possibly correlate with the allegation, noting that the allegation does not attribute the attack specifically to Coalition Forces.

b. (S//~~REL USA, FVEY~~) Intelligence reporting indicates that the Al-Siha District is located IVO of MGRS (b)(1)1.4a. (b)(1)1.4a. The "Omar al-Talib Mosque" (the variant spelling in CJFLCC-OIR database is the "Umar al-Talib Mosque") is located in t-ayy ar Rita', GRG C.17, MGRS b 1 1.4a. Based on an assessment of the location of the Al-Siha District and the location of the Omar al-Talib Mosque, it is likely that the alleged incident occurred in the general area of GRG C.17.

c. (S//~~REL USA, FVEY~~) Four Coalition strikes occurred within 600m of the Omar al-Talib Mosque on 11 April 2017. None of them, however, occurred on or around 0700z (which is the time specified in the UNAMI allegation), and an analysis of FMV and target locations for each strike does not disclose any evidence that is consistent with the causation of civilian casualties.

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

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