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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 544

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. Based on review of all reasonably available information, there is insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility. 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 23 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received an allegation that Coalition airstrikes in the "State Security" Area of Raqqa caused 10 civilian casualties. On 23 June 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported: Claims of CF Airstrikes Causing Ten CIVCAS in the "State Security" Area, Raqqa: A Pro-Syrian opposition social media news aggregator on Twitter and Facebook, Sharqiya Voice (@Sharqiya_voice) (Sharqiya.voice) reported that CF airstrikes targeting the "State Security" area in Raqqa, killed ten refugees from Dayr al-Zur province.

b. (U) According to Airwars.org, on 23 June 2017, Sharqiya Voice reported, "10 martyrs displaced from the province of Deir al-Azur died in the Amn Al-Dawla area in Raqqa, as a result of the bombing by the international coalition aircraft."

c. (~~S//REL~~) On 12 August 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell approved the Initial Assessment (IA) and determined the allegation should be closed at the IA.

3. (U) **CJTF Initial Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL~~) 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.

b. (~~S//REL~~) Based on the lack of detail in the allegations to narrow the search, and the low quality of the single social media source, it would be unreasonable to make assessment of credibility.

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c. (~~S//REL~~) Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation at the Initial Assessment due to insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.

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


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