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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVCAS Team, Combined Joint Task Force- Operation Inherent Resolve, APO, AE 09306

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR) for Allegation 1148, Al Qaim, Iraq, 24 July 2017

1. (U) **BLUF:** I assess that the allegation of civilian casualties (CIVCAS) on 24 July 2017 in Al Qaim, Iraq is **NOT CREDIBLE**. This assessment is based upon a thorough review of all reasonably available information, including information provided by Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) and open-source material.

2. (U) **CIVCAS Allegation:**

a. (U) **Source:** CJTF-OIR Joint Air-Ground Integration Cell (JAGIC) Self-Report

b. (U) **Time and Location:** 24 July 2017, Al Qaim, Iraq

c. (U) **Description:** An American Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) launched an (b)(1)1.4a at an ISIS security emir in Al Qaim, Iraq. The round impacted unobserved, but the aircrew determined that the munition impacted 300m east of the target on a house. A fire truck arrived on scene shortly after the strike, and people were seen gathered outside the building in the street and within the surrounding courtyard. No one was seen carrying bodies. The building itself, although slightly damaged, sustained no serious structural damage and was still standing.

3. (~~S//REL~~) **Analysis of Self-reported Coalition Strike:** Strike number (b)(1)1.4a was a dynamic strike that occurred on 24 (b)(1)1.4a July 2017 under ROE (b)(1)1.4a targeting an ISIS security emir (b)(1)1.4a in his vehicle at (b)(1)1.4a. An American (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) missed the intended target with an (b)(1)1.4a munition.

4. (~~S//REL~~) **Credibility Assessment:** Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this CIVCAS allegation is deemed **NOT CREDIBLE**. That is, there is insufficient evidence to assess that it is more likely than not the strike resulted in a CIVCAS incident. Although the JAGIC observed emergency fire responders arriving at the struck location, no evidence of casualties from the strike was evident. Moreover, I did not discover any allegation of a corroborating CIVCAS incident through open-source reporting.

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SUBJECT: Legal Review of CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR) –
Allegation #1148, Al-Qaim, Iraq, 24 JUL 2017

I have conducted a legal review of the information in this CCAR. Based upon all reasonably available information at this time, I find that:

(b)(5)

(b)(3), 10 USC 130b, (u)(6)

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1. I have reviewed the information contained in this CCAR and the supporting evidence. Based upon all reasonably available information at this time, I find that:

a. ___ The evidence supports a finding of CREDIBLE. That is, it is more likely than not that the CIVCAS incident occurred. I direct an investigation be conducted.

b. ___ The evidence supports a finding of CREDIBLE. That is, it is more likely than not that the CIVCAS incident occurred. However, at this time I direct no further investigation, as no additional information could reasonably be discovered. Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and CJTF-OIR PAO shall publish the results of this assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

c. The evidence supports a finding of NOT CREDIBLE. Without additional evidence, I direct that no further action be taken by this command. Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and CJTF-OIR PAO shall publish the results of this assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

 15 Sep 2017

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Chief of Staff, CJTF-OIR

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