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CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
APO AE 09306

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31 AUG 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 844

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) According to Airwars.org, on 18 January 2017, local media reported one civilian died and three others were wounded in an alleged Coalition airstrike on Al Tabaqa. Shaam News Network said that three civilians were wounded in a Coalition strike. LCCSY named Nour Riyad al Ayyash, from Deir Ezzor, as a victim. An Eye on Raqqa also named the victim and blamed the Coalition, as did Syria2011 and the Syrian Popular Movement. RBSS didn't say who was responsible for his death. According to the IS propoganda outlet Al Raed La Yakzub Ahlahu, the Coalition carried out three raids on Al Tabaqa that day.

b. (S//REL) On 14 AUG 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) The CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted a search for strikes occurring from 16 – 18 JAN 2017. Because the allegation does not provide an exact date of the alleged strikes, it is CIVCAS Cell policy to use a 72 hour search window from the date the allegation was reported.

c. (S//REL) The search yielded negative results for Coalition strikes in Al Tabqah between 16 – 18 JAN 2017. The search did, however, return results of Coalition strikes IVO Tabqah Dam and southwest of Tabqah city. Based on the lack of detail in the

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allegations to narrow the search, it would be unreasonable to make assessment of credibility.

d. (~~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)

(b)(6)

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1. Initial Assessment



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