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MEMORANDUM FOR CJTF-OIR/CIVCAS Team

FROM: AFCENT/A3TW
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SUBJECT: CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR) for Strike on 11 Dec, 2016

1. (~~S//REL USA, IRKS~~) BLUF: On 11 Dec 16, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) reported a potential CIVCAS incident during a deliberate-on-call tasking against fuel trucks. After review of mission materials and weapon system video (WSV), this civilian casualty incident is deemed CREDIBLE.

2. (U) CIVCAS Allegation:

a. (U) Source: Self-reported by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

b. (U) Time and Location: 11 Dec 2016, (b)(1)1.4a in vicinity of Al Isbah GOSP, Syria

c. (~~S//REL USA, IRKS~~) Description: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) recorded the execution of a (b)(1)1.4a attack that destroyed 2 targeted vehicles, potentially killing 5 people who were assumed to be civilians in accordance with the ROE and OP (b)(1)1.4a authorities.

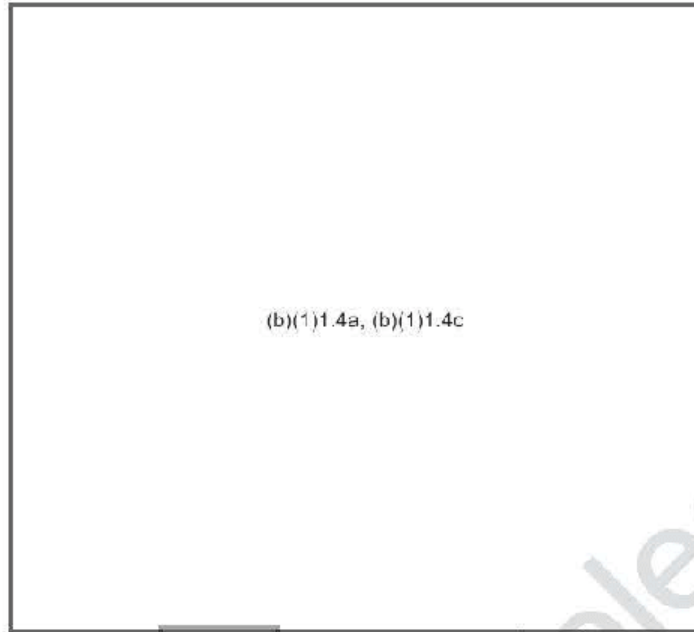
3. (U) Analysis:

a. (~~S//REL USA, IRKS~~) On 11 Dec 16, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) flight was tasked with a TARGET tasking from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) to conduct Operation (b)(1)1.4a targeting IVO Al Isbah GOSP in Syria. Specifically, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) targeted 5 oil tanker trucks. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) flight then prosecuted the targets with warning shots IAW the CONOP and subsequently bombed and strafed multiple targets.

b. (~~S//REL USA, IRKS~~) From (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) flight expended a total of (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a rockets, as warning shots, (b)(1)1.4a. After the (b)(1)1.4a warning shot were fired IVO the oil collection area, 20+ PAX and multiple passenger vehicles departed, demonstrating awareness of the warning shot. At (b)(1)1.4a, 2 minutes after the warning shot (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) expended (b)(1)1.4a s and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) lased the weapons using (b)(1)1.4a. Prior to weapon impact, 5x PAX returned to the POL trucks. At (b)(1)1.4a, both weapons impacted and destroyed the trucks. The warning shot was placed within (b)(1)1.4a strike, ensuring the PAX were aware of the warning.

c. (~~S//REL USA, IRKS~~) Weapon Systems Video (WSV) shows that the 5 large oil trucks engaged exploded during the attack, presumably killing the 5 individuals who returned to the area after the warning shots. Figure 1 below shows the paths of the 5 individuals as they entered the targeting pod field of view prior to impact. Due to the proximity to the impact point and the ignition of the tanker trucks full of oil, I assess that all 5 were killed in the attack.

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~~(S//REL USA, IRKS)~~ Figure 1. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) captures PAX entering the target area prior to impact

d. ~~(S//REL USA, IRKS)~~ Target Information: During the sortie on 11 Dec (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) might had been tasked via (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) with a 'DT 10-line' for a TARGET tasking at 0740Z. The tasking was to employ weapons against oil tanker trucks IVO Al Isbah GOSP, Syria. Warning shots were used to provide the drivers an opportunity to exit the vehicle. Receipt of the target tasking from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) was acknowledged by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) and the target area was prosecuted IAW the Operation (b)(1)1.4a targeting CONOP.

e. ~~(S//REL USA, IRKS)~~ Additional Information: A search of open source media for corroboration did not uncover any allegations or reports that match the strike in question. Based on the observed movement of all PAX in the vicinity of the target prior to weapons release, it was reasonable for the aircrew to assume that the area would remain clear of civilians during the strike. The (b)(1)1.4a was employ in order to target the maximum number of vehicles in the shortest amount of time in an effort to preclude the drivers from returning after the warning shot. The PAX entered the (b)(1)1.4a field of view after weapons release. IAW JP 3-09.3, (b)(1)1.4a munitions such as the (b)(1)1.4a are not recommended for post launch abort.

4. ~~(S//REL USA, IRKS)~~ Credibility Assessment: Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this CIVCAS allegation is deemed credible. That is, it is more likely than not that the CIVCAS incident occurred. Based on (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) prosecuting IAW all applicable SPINs and guidance, I recommend that an investigation not be opened.

5. (U) If you have any questions regarding this memorandum contact me at

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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SUBJECT:

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:

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 by this command.

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 investigation be conducted by this command, as no additional information could be discovered by further investigation.

The evidence supports a finding of NOT CREDIBLE. Without additional evidence, I direct that no further action be taken by this command.

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