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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 Twitter Allegation on 14 February 2017 (CJFLCC-OIR 31/17)

1. BLUF: This allegation is not credible. A thorough review of all reasonably available evidence indicates that is it more likely than not that no civilians were killed or seriously injured as a result of this strike.

2. CIVCAS Allegation:

- a. <u>Source</u>: A Sunni Twitter user and self-proclaimed reporter (@n_iraq) initially reported the incident on Twitter. Pro-ISIS Twitter and Facebook users immediately reposted the same news. These posts indicated that the source of the information was ISIS media outlet, A'maq News Agency.
- b. <u>Time and Location</u>: The alleged CIVCAS took place on 14 February 2017 at an undetermined time at a flour factory in West Mosul. There was no grid associated with the allegation.
- c. <u>Description</u>: The allegation asserted that Coalition Airstrikes on a flour factory in Western Mosul killed 16 civilians and wounded 10 others.

3. Strike Analysis:

a. The allegation did not detail the location or time of the strike. The sole description was that the strike was on a "flour factory." After a thorough review of Coalition strike records, there was only one Coalition engagement that could possibly correlate. This strike occurred on 14 February 2017 on an industrial building of an unspecified nature.

b. The targ)et, (b)(1)1.4a W	as a CAOC targe	t that was approved the	rough the
JTCB process on 12 February 2017. The target was located in a highly industrial area of				
Western Mos	ul. CJOC-Erbil execute	ed the strike with	(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)	c using
(b)(1)1.4a	(Enclosure 1).	L	X 63 6 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	po resultation of

c. The video from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(s)does not show any civilian population either before or after the strike. There are no mortuary affairs activities visible in the video (Enclosure 2).

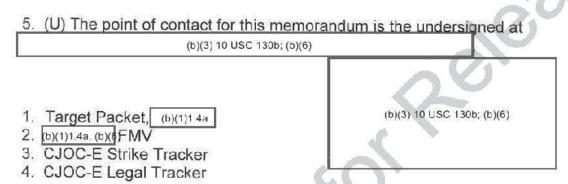
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- d. There are conflicting records as to which UAV asset observed this strike. The CJOC-E Battle Tracker, maintained by the CJOC-E Battle NCO, had MOE as the asset observing the target. However, the CJOC-E Legal Tracker had (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) as the asset observing the target. A thorough review of both mIRC Log records reveals that neither log mentions this strike (Enclosures 3 & 4).
- 4. Credibility Assessment: Based on the available body of intelligence it is more probable than not that the allegation is not credible. The target was an industrial building in an industrial area. The available FMV from (b)(1)1.4a. (b)(1)1.4a. (b)(1)1.4a. (b)(1)1.4a. (b)(1)1.4a. (b)(1)1.4a. (c)(1)1.4a. (d)(1)1.4a. (



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

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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 <u>CREDIBLE</u>. 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 <u>CREDIBLE</u>. 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 <u>NOT CREDIBLE</u>. Without additional evidence, I direct that no further action be taken by this command.

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JOSEPH M. MARTIN Major General, U.S. Army Commanding

