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

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR) – Al Shifa Social Media Allegation Strike Number (b)(1)1.4a (CJFLCC-OIR 37/17)

1. **BLUE.** This allegation is NOT CREDIBLE. Although CJFLCC-OIR carried out some fire missions in the Al-Shifa neighborhood on 1 March 2017, none of them correlate with the social media allegation that coalition forces caused civilian casualties.

2. CIVCAS Allegation.

a. **Source.** Pro-ISIS Twitter user @Atle1975Cressac tweeted that U.S. airstrikes on a residential building on 1 March 2017 killed civilians.

b. **Time and Location.** On or before 1 March 2017 in the Al-Shifa neighbourhood West Mosul.

c. **Description.** @Atle1975Cressac tweeted that U.S. airstrikes on a residential building on 1 March 2017 killed 20 civilians and wounded 18 others.

3. Strike Narrative and Analysis.

a. Following an examination of all relevant strike records by J34 and CJOC-E, the only recorded CJFLCC-OIR strikes that could potentially correlate with the allegations of civilian casualties in the al-Shifa neighborhood, west Mosul were three counter-fire missions carried out by TF (b)(1)1.4a against radar-acquired (b)(1)1.4a enemy indirect fire point of origin (POO) sites. These missions were:

1. (b)(1)1.4a z // SHOOTER: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) // ORD: (b)(1)1.4a // GRID: (b)(1)1.4a // ROE: (b)(1)1.4a // BDA: MTR POO SUPPRESSED // AXIS: TIGRIS // REQUESTER: (b)(1)1.4a The grid coordinate places the counter-fire point of impact (POI) into an intersection. The nearest residential structure is approximately 140 meters to the southeast. Additionally, the ordnance was equipped with a variable timed fuze creating an airburst that would not have significant structural effect on a building.

2. (b)(1)1.4a // SHOOTER: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) // ORD: (b)(1)1.4a // GRID: (b)(1)1.4a // ROE: (b)(1)1.4a // BDA: MTR POO SUPPRESSED // AXIS: TIGRIS // REQUESTER: (b)(1)1.4a The counter-fire POI places the round into the southwest curtilage of a large industrial building. The nearest residential structure is

approximately 100 meters to the east, on the other side of the large building. Additionally, the ordnance was equipped with a variable timed fuze creating an airburst that would not have significant structural effect on a building.

3. (b)(1)1.4a // SHOOTER: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) // ORD: (b)(1)1.4a
 (b)(1)1.4a // GRID: (b)(1)1.4a // ROE: (b)(1)1.4a // BDA: MTR POO SUPPRESSED //
 AXIS: TIGRIS // REQUESTER: (b)(1)1.4a The counter-fire POI is an empty lot, 50 meters south of a mosque. The nearest residential structure is north of the mosque, approximately 85 meters from the counter-fire POI.

b. CJOC-Makhmur (the Ninevah Operations Center) does not have records of any FMV footage from these three counter-fire missions. However, none of the target grid coordinates correspond directly to a residential area. The targets for all three fire missions are 85 meters or more from any residential structures.

4. Credibility Assessment. Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this CIVCAS allegation is deemed NOT CREDIBLE. That is, it is more likely than not that the alleged CIVCAS did not occur. This assessment is based on the following: none of the fire missions impacted directly into civilian residential structures. The closest such structure was 85m from the weapon point of impact. Consequently, none of the fire missions conducted in the Al-Shifaa neighbourhood on 1 Mar 17 correlate with the detail of the social media allegation.

5. The point of contact for this CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report is the undersigned at (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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1. mIRC Chat Log
2. Target Acquisition Overlay
3. IDF Counterfire Rollup (1 Mar 17)

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

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

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

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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 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 recommend no investigation, as no additional information could reasonably be discovered.

9 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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CC, CJFLCC-OIR

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