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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 478

1. (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. Due to the location identified in the allegation (*Sayf al-Dawlah, Allepo, SY*) being outside the CJTF-OR AOR, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and forward to CENTCOM.

2. (U) Background. I considered the following information in making my findings:

a. (S//REL USA, FVEY) On 18 May 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported that Pro-Syrian opposition media outlet, Syria Press.org1 (@SyriaPressorg1) tweeted a Facebook the headline and a link (now broken) to what may have been an entire article (link for headline to this and some other articles on website also broken) reporting that CF airstrikes on the neighborhood of Sayf al-Dawlah, Raqqa killed and injured several people to include children. Pro-Syrian regime media outlets circulated reports on Twitter and Facebook that the CF airstrikes in same neighborhood allegedly killed 15 individuals, including children. This topic trended and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (U) On 16 June 2017, CJFT-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment and determined to close this allegation at the Initial Assessment stage.

## 3. (U) CJTF Initial Assessment

a. (S//REL-USA, FVEY) CIVCAS cell was unable to locate the neighborhood of Sayf al-Dawlah in Raqqah. However, the location search databases and tools used by the CIVCAS team showed that Sayf al-Dawlah is a neighborhood in Aleppo which is outside the CJTF-OIR AOR.

b. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Accordingly, CIVCAS Cell recommended this allegation be closed since the alleged CIVICAS location is outside CJTF-OIR's AOR.

## 4. (U) Action.

(U) I direct closure of this C/VCAS 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)

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1. Initial Assessment

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