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CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: (U//FOUO) CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR) #241 for strike
number (b)(3) 10 USC 130

1. (U//FOUO) The CCAR dated 22 March 2017 finding the CIVCAS allegation involving
U.S. forces on 17 September 2016 not credible is hereby:

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

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___ Disapproved and returned to the Action Officer for further inquiry.

2. (U//FOUO) Point of contact is the

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(b)(1)1.4a

9 APRIL 17

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

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(b)(1)1.4a

1. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) BLUF: I assess that the potential CIVCAS incident that occurred as a result of strike # (b)(1)1.4a 46km SW of Ar Raqqa, SY (b)(1)1.4a is NOT CREDIBLE. The strike video footage, and the reported behaviors of the people in the vicinity of the incident at the time indicate that there were not civilian casualties, though there was civilian property damaged.

2. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) CIVCAS Allegation:

a. (U) Source: CAOC Report

b. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Time and Location: 17 (b)(1)1.4a SEP 16; 46km SW of Ar Raqqa, SY (b)(1)1.4a.

c. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Description: At 17 (b)(1)1.4a SEP 16, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) engaged a moving car. The impact occurred behind the target vehicle and in the vicinity of another vehicle. The number of occupants in the non-target vehicle is unknown, as are the effects of the strike on any/all of them.

3. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Analysis: CJTF-OIR was informed of possible CIVCAS shortly after a strike involving (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) on a vehicle ISO TR (b)(1)1.4a. At (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) The weapon struck behind the targeted vehicle at an intersection next to a civilian vehicle. After the strike, occupants from the target vehicle fled the area on foot; (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) followed these individuals. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) working in conjunction with (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed the strike and maintained eyes on the civilian vehicle. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed two adult males exit the vehicle and run from the strike location. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed first responders arrive within minutes of the strike and did not observe any first aid being rendered. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) later observed the civilian vehicle towed away.

a. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Coalition Strike Activity: The strike in question was conducted by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) utilizing (b)(1)1.4a

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b. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Review of WSV/FMV:

(1) (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) WSV from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) tracks a moving vehicle occupied by what has been determined to be two (2) ISIS fighters. In the provided WSV, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) tracks the vehicle as it moves along a paved road at a high speed for roughly 119 seconds before weapons impact. As the vehicle approaches an intersection, it slows to a stop and a second vehicle passes behind it. As this vehicle passes, the impact occurs behind the target vehicle and roughly centered between the two vehicles. After impact, two (2) persons exit the target vehicle on foot and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) continues to track them. Enclosure 5.

(2) (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Despite attempting multiple avenues, the footage from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) was unable to be retrieved. This evaluation will rely on descriptions provided of the footage:

i. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) Mission Report: "2X DAESH IN WHITE SUV/37S DV (b)(1)1.4a 17(b)(1)1.4a SEP 16/ (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) ONE VEHICLE DESTROYED, COMMANDERS INTENT NOT MET, TWO INDIVIDUALS DEPARTED, NO CIVCAS OBSERVED" Enclosure 4.

ii. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) 5 W's report: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) working in conjunction with (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed the strike and maintained eyes on the civilian vehicle. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed two adult males exit the vehicle and run from the strike location. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed first responders arrive within minutes of the strike and did not observe any first aid being rendered. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) later observed the civilian vehicle [destroyed, per above reference] towed away." Enclosure 2.

c. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Target Information: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) was passed PID via MIRC Chat 9-line of 2x ISIS personnel in white SUV under ROE under Supplemental Measure (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) maintained positive identification (PID) of target throughout the engagement. Enclosure 6.

4. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Credibility Assessment:

a. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) 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 CIVCAS incident did not occur, as the information available indicates that there were no civilian injuries or deaths resulting from the strike. This assessment is based on four major factors.

(1) (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) The munition did not directly impact the civilian vehicle. Instead, it struck between the target vehicle and the civilian vehicle in question. This is not to say that the occupants could not have been injured or killed by the strike.

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However, the footage from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) does not show this conclusively, one way or the other.

(2) (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Based on the 5Ws provided, assuming that the recitation of the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) video is accurate, the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) FMV shows "two adult males exit the vehicle and run from the strike location" and does not show "any first aid being rendered." Enclosure 2.

(3) (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) The compiled mission report from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) states: "NO CIVCAS OBSERVED."

(4) (U) With regard to any CIVCAS allegations from the associated strike "CJTF-OIR PAO and Non-Lethal Fires have seen no additional corroborating reports." Enclosure 3.

b. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Based on the above factors, despite the fact that there is clearly damage to civilian property, there is not sufficient evidence to conclude that it is more likely than not that civilian injury or death was a result of the strike in question.

5. (U) The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned.

6 Encls.

1. FIR

2. 5Ws E-mail 1

3. 5Ws E-mail 2

4. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) Mission Report

5. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) Strike Video

6. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) Strike Text

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

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