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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 Allegation 1791, Rawah, Iraq, 26 October 2017

1. (U) References:

a. (U) CJTF-OIR Policy for Reporting and Responding to CIVCAS Incidents, 27 SEPTEMBER 2017, UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

b. (U) CJTF-OIR Security Classification Guide, 20 OCTOBER 2016, UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOUO~~

2. (U//~~FOUO~~) BLUF: I assess that the allegation of civilian casualties (CIVCAS) on 26 OCT 17 in Rawah, Iraq is NOT CREDIBLE. This assessment is based upon a thorough review of all reasonably available information, including information provided by Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) and open source material.

3. (U) CIVCAS Allegation:

a. (U) Source: Self-Report, CJTF

b. (U) Time and Location: 26 OCT 17, Rawah, Iraq

c. (~~S//REL USA, MESE~~) Allegation: Notification of a potential CIVCAS incident involving (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4a from ATO (b)(1)1.4a BLUF: Potential CIVCAS event. Who: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)6
(b)(1)1.4a. What: Potential CIVCAS. Where: Rawah, Iraq. Tgt position (b)(1)1.4a
(b)(1)1.4a When: 26 (b)(1)1.4a OCT17. Why: One (1) x pax inside CDE (b)(1)1.4a ring at wpn impact. Detail: On completion of DCA tasking, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4a was tasked to support Immediate Requirement (b)(1)1.4a (destruction of a VBIED factory in Rawah) in 90AN, working with (b)(1)1.4a (JTAC). During wpns flight one (1) unknown pax was observed within the CDE (b)(1)1.4a ring. The pax was approximately (b)(1)1.4a from the targeted bldg and had just walked behind a wall at impact (Encl 1).

4. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) Summary of Coalition Strike Activity: On 26 OCT 17, CJTF-OIR conducted 1 X Strike that corresponds with the allegation (Encl 2).

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5. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **Strike** (b)(1)1.4a **Overview:** Strike number (b)(1)1.4a was a Dynamic strike that occurred at (b)(1)1.4a on 26 OCT 17, Air Tasking Order (ATO) day (b)(1)1.4a under Rule of Engagement (ROE) (b)(1)1.4a targeting Rawah ISIS Safehouse 05 (b)(1)1.4a at (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) struck the target (b)(1)1.4a. The strike resulted in 1 X Safehouse destroyed (Ends 3-5).

a. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **Review of Supporting Intelligence:** Rawah ISIS Safehouse 05 (b)(1)1.4a was a wall-secured facility of approximately 2610sqft. The facility had a gate on the Eastern corner and probable access through an adjoining building to the NW. The facility was located at (b)(1)1.4a CJ34 assessed the target facility as an ISIS safehouse with a possible secondary function as a VBIED factory. This assessment was made with Moderate confidence and supported by (b)(1)1.4c (b)(1)1.4c as recent as 25 SEP 17. Additionally, (b)(1)1.4g of pre-strike intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) full motion video (FMV), as recent as 29 OCT 17, supported the assessment and produced a high SLANT of 1/0/0 on 20 OCT 17. The facility formerly functioned as a residence. The facility was assessed to have been under the use and control of ISIS since at least 11 MAR 17 and was assessed to be (b)(1)1.4a (Encl 3).

b. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **Collateral Damage Estimate (CDE):** The CDE call for this facility was (b)(1)1.4a. There were 5 X Collateral Concerns (CC) (2 X Residence, 3 X Shed) within the weapons effects radii of the weaponeering solution. All CCs were within (b)(1)1.4a of an aimpoint and the nearest CC (Residence 01) was (b)(1)1.4a north-northwest of Aimpoint (1)1 and was adjoined with the target facility on one wall. Hawijah Karablah Mosque was within (b)(1)1.4a of the target facility (across the street). The CDE was based on a (b)(1)1.4a scan clearing the mosque before the strike and that damage to the mosque, a (b)(1)1.4a protected facility, was possible (Encl 3).

c. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **Battle Damage Assessment (BDA):** The BDA call for this strike was 1 X ISIS Safehouse confirmed Destroyed and 1 X Residence 01 probable Severe Damage. On 13 NOV 17, imagery was taken of the target facility. The image shows the target facility collapsed. The nearest CC is also partially collapsed where it was adjoined with the target facility. There does not appear to be any damage to the mosque across the street. The BDA Graphic also notes that the aircrew did not note any secondary explosions from explosives potentially located at the target facility (Encl 6).

d. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **Review of Chat Logs:** Related chat was found in one room. The chat indicates that (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) served as the ISR platform for the execution of

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this strike and does not provide any information relating to observations of the target (Encl 7).

e. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **Review of FMV/Weapon Sight Video (WSV):** (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) served as both the ISR and strike asset for the execution of this strike. The only video available was the WSV provided by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) (Encl 3).

1. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **WSV From** (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) **Approximately 42 seconds of WSV was provided by** (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) **The video begins at 00:05 with the target facility in the center of the field of view (FOV). To the southeast of the target facility (in the street near the mosque) 1 X Person can be seen walking towards the mosque.** (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6) (b)(1)1.4g **At 00:15 the Person begins to walk behind a wall next to the mosque. At that same moment, SPLASH occurs. The target facility, Residence 01, and the area where the Person was last seen are obstructed from view due to a combination of the smoke, dust, and viewing angle. At 00:32, the video cuts to BDA with the target facility in the center of the FOV. The target facility has been reduced to rubble and there appears to be significant damage to Residence 01 with a large portion collapsed.** (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6) **continues to focus on the target facility for the remainder of the video, there does not appear to be an indication of CIVCAS or further activity in the vicinity of the target facility (Encl 8).**

f. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **CJTF-OIR Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) Legal Note:** (b)(5)

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(5)

(Encl 9).

g. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **CIVCAS Assessment:** Based on reasonably available evidence, it is more likely than not that no CIVCAS occurred as a result of this strike.

6. (~~S//RE USA, FVEY~~) **Credibility Assessment:** Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this CIVCAS allegation is deemed NOT CREDIBLE. That is, there is insufficient evidence to corroborate this allegation.

7. (U) The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at:

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

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1. (U) FIR, 26 OCT 17, ~~S//REL USA,~~

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

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2. (U) CJTF Strike Log, 26 OCT 17,
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3. (U) (b)(1)1.4a Strike Script, 26 OCT
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4. (U) (b)(1)1.4a Story Board, 26 OCT
17, ~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~
5. (U) (b)(1)1.4a MISREP, 26 OCT 17,
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6. (U) (b)(1)1.4a BDAG, 13 NOV
17, ~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~
7. (U) #Iraq_FMV_Relay, 26 OCT 17,
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8. (U) (b)(1)1.4a WSV, 26 OCT 17, ~~S//REL
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9. (U) SJA Strike Notes, 26 OCT 17,
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Classified By: (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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15 December 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation
Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR), Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, APO, AE 09306

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

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1. 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:

a. ___ 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.

b. ___ 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 further investigation, as no additional information could reasonably be discovered. Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and CJTF-OIR PAO shall publish the results of this assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

c. (b)(6) The evidence supports a finding of NOT CREDIBLE. Without additional evidence, I direct that no further action be taken by this command. Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and CJTF-OIR PAO shall publish the results of this assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

(b)(6)

KENNETH L. KAMPER 18 Dec 2017
BG, US ARMY
Chief of Staff

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