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UNION III, BAGHDAD
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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 alleged strike on school in South Mosul on 22 Oct 16

1. BLUF: A Russian media source reported that Coalition air strikes killed 60 people and injured 200 at a school in southern Mosul on 22 Oct 16. This report is assessed to be not credible based upon no CJTF-OIR strikes being conducted anywhere near any (b)(1)1.43 facilities on that date, or either side of that date, and there being no further reporting, Government of Iraq (GoI) or Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) knowledge of this incident, or subsequent intelligence or open source reporting relating to this incident.

2. CIVCAS Allegation:

a. Source: CJTF-OIR provided the Russian Media Outlet reporting of 25 OCT 16, disseminating a statement made by the Chief of the Main Operations Directorate of the Russian DOD, Lieutenant General Sergey Rudskoy,

b. Time and Location: The allegation relates to 22 October 2016, in southern Mosul.

c. Description: Lieutenant General Rudskoy accused the U.S. of bombing a school in Mosul. The General stated that due to the bombing conducted by U.S. in southern Mosul 60 were killed and 200 were injured.

3. Analysis: The strike is not assessed to be credible based on an analysis of all CJTF-OIR strikes, from the CJTF-OIR strike log conducted during the period 21-25 October 2016 in vicinity of southern Mosul.

a. Coalition Strike Activity: An assessment of the entirety of CJTF-OIR conducted strikes for the 22 Oct 16 has been assessed and compared to (b)(1)1.43 infrastructure (see attached .kmz file). There were no strikes on (b)(1)1.43 facilities on that day, either logged manually in the strike log or on GoogleEarth following a download of the strike data and grids associated with those strikes.

b. Review of WSV/FMV: No individual strikes are assessed to correlate with the CIVCAS allegation, therefore no individual WSV/FMV was reviewed. However, attached

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is a graphic outlining the (b)(1)1.4a structures IVO Southern Mosul, and the CJTF-OIR targets struck on that day, demonstrating there are no strikes IVO a school on that day.

c. Target Information: There are no CJTF-OIR or CJFLCC-OIR targets that align to this reporting.

d. Additional Information: There have been no intelligence reporting, no Information Operations reporting, no Iraqi Security Forces reporting, War Media Cell reporting or open source information that supports this allegation. In the month since this incident is alleged to have occurred, this absence of reporting is telling, considering the severity of the alleged incident (namely, 60 persons being killed and 200 injured in a school would have been one of the most significant CIVCAS incidents caused by Coalition Forces to date). Specifically:

- a. The Combined Joint Operations Centre Baghdad Deputy Director has advised that there have been no reports from the ISF relating to this allegation.
- b. The CJFLCC-OIR Deputy J2 has advised that there are no reports or reflections that align with this allegation.
- c. The CJFLCC-OIR J39 has confirmed that there are no Information Operations or War Media Cell reflections that align with this allegation.

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 CIVCAS incident did not occur. This assessment is based upon the absence of corroborative reporting, the likely veracity of the original report, and the absence of any supporting reporting for what would be a significant incident, had this CIVCAS incident occurred as alleged.

5. (U) The point of contact for this memorandum is (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6) on (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6).

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Encl:
22 Oct 16 CJTF-OIR Strike Summary

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

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I have conducted a legal review of the information contained in this CCAR and the supporting evidence. Based upon all reasonably available information 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 direct no investigation be conducted by this command, as no additional information could be discovered by further investigation.

 X 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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