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

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR) - Strike (b)(1)1.4a Dynamic Target of ISIL Bongo Truck, 03(b)(1)1.4a February 2017 (CJFLCC-OIR 08/17)

1. BLUE. The CIVCAS allegation is NOT CREDIBLE. A thorough review of all available evidence does not provide enough evidence to conclude that it is more likely than not that a CIVCAS occurred.

2. CIVCAS Allegation.

a. Source. Self-Reported. Combined Joint Operations Center – Baghdad, Combined Joint Land Forces Component Command (CJFLCC), Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR).

b. Time and Location. 03(b)(1)1.4a January 2017 IVO Al Abyad, MGRS (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a

c. Description. CJOC-Baghdad Strike Cell conducted a dynamic strike on an ISIL light truck being used by ISIL fighters to assist in the forcible movement of displaced civilians into Mosul.

3. Strike Narrative and Analysis. The following is a chronological breakdown of the strike based on analysis of relevant mlrc logs, FMV footage, and post-strike assessments.

a. At (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed a large group of people gathered IVO of Al Abyad.

b. From (b)(1)1.4a z strike cell personnel and (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) screeners observed 8-10 ISIL fighters forcibly moving a group of approximately 50-60 individuals composed of men, women, and children in the direction of Mosul. While the intention of the ISIL fighters in moving the civilians is unclear, assessed possibilities include that the civilians were: being used as human shields to cover an ISIL retrograde into Mosul; being forcibly returned to Mosul having previously escaped; or Shia families that were being removed from ISIL depth positions to the west of Mosul. An assessed ISIL media unit appeared to capture imagery of periodic assaults committed by the ISIL fighters against the civilians.

c. Most of the ISIL fighters moved on foot but they were accompanied by a light

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truck driven by assessed ISIL fighters. At (b)(1)1.4a the light truck was observed by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) to have dropped back some distance behind the group of civilians. The screener advised he could not assess if any civilians were in the light truck at this time.

d. At (b)(1)1.4a the TEA assessed that the light truck was a valid military target, the destruction of which could potentially disrupt the ISIL fighters' movement into Mosul.

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) was cleared hot, but aborted at (b)(1)1.4a due to (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a

e. At (b)(1)1.4a the screener called out that three individuals of unknown ages or genders got in the back of the light truck. There is no evidence that this call out was acknowledged within the strike cell. In the same minute a civilian male put something in the light truck before being beaten away.

f. At (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) was cleared hot, 11 seconds later an assessed ISIL fighter jumped on the back of the light truck.

g. At (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) rifled (b)(1)1.4a with a (b)(1)1.4a time of flight.

h. At (b)(1)1.4a seconds the screener and numerous strike cell personnel called out one child in the field of view approaching the light truck. Abort and shift cold were called, but it was too late to slew off the vehicle due to (b)(1)1.4g

(b)(1)1.4g, (b)(6)

i. The (b)(1)1.4a impacted at (b)(1)1.4a

j. At (b)(1)1.4a one adult male and one child ran from the rear of the vehicle. An adult male then retrieved three children from the bed of the truck and all walked away from the strike without apparent serious injury. The ISIL fighters and civilians who interacted with the bed of the light truck (which appeared to remain intact) following the strike do not appear to engage in any activity consistent with casualty care or mortuary affairs actions.

k. At (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) slewed off of the target to observe activity in the group ahead of the strike.

l. At (b)(1)1.4a the screener provided the following BDA: two EKIA, two 'squirters', and two children, one previously unobserved, exited the destroyed vehicle.

m. At approximately 1206z, the screener contacted the ISR tactical controller to inform him upon review, there may have been a fifth child in the rear of the light truck who was not accounted for in the brief post-strike observation of the area.

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4. Credibility Assessment. Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this CIVCAS allegation is deemed NOT CREDIBLE. The evidence is not sufficient to conclude that any civilian, child or adult, was killed or seriously injured as a consequence of the strike. This assessment is based on the following:

a. The post-strike evaluation snapshot image taken by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) screeners at (b)(1)1.4a upon supporting the call out of a fifth child call is unclear and the analysis is based on a shadow.

b. FMV shows that the (b)(1)1.4a impacted the cab of the light truck and all children removed from the bed of the truck were able to run or walk away from the blast. After the children were removed from the flatbed, there was no further activity in the vicinity of the vehicle, and the civilians and ISIL fighters continued to move towards Mosul. There is no observable behavior on the part of the civilians or ISIL fighters which is be consistent with casualty care or mortuary affairs actions. This is highly suggestive that no civilians were killed or injured in the strike.

5. The point of contact for this CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report is the undersigned at (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6)

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

3 Encls

1. mlIRC Chat Log
2. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) Snapshots
3. FMV link

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

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

(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.

___ The evidence supports a finding of NOT CREDIBLE. Without additional evidence, I direct that no further action be taken by this command.

9 ___ The evidence supports a finding of NOT CREDIBLE. However, I endorse the SJA's recommendation and direct that it be implemented.


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