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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 Attack Helicopter CIVCAS in the Intisar neighborhood, Mosul on 30 Dec 16 (CJFLCC-OIR CIVCAS Serial 048/16)

1. BLUF: The CIVCAS allegation is not credible. Although coalition attack helicopters engaged targets within East Mosul around the time the CIVCAS is alleged to have occurred on 30 Dec 16, review of relevant video footage from Air Weapons Teams (AWT) does not disclose any civilian casualties or incidents similar to the description of alleged events.

2. CIVCAS Allegation:

a. Source: On 12 Jan 17, a UNICEF member alleged in a meeting with the U.S. Embassy Human Rights Officer that 'Apache-type' helicopters (nationality unspecified) had opened fire on civilians located on the rooftops of buildings in East Mosul. This allegation was initially passed to CJTF-OIR before being staffed to CJFLCC-OIR for credibility assessment.

b. Time and Location: Approximately 1200c 30 Dec 16 in the Intisar Neighborhood, East Mosul.

c. Description: UNICEF particularized the civilian casualties as a three-year old boy killed, a two-month old girl killed, a seventeen-year old girl killed, a two-year old boy injured and a fifteen-year old girl injured. UNICEF stated that due to the lack of electricity it has reportedly become increasingly common for Mosul civilians to warm themselves in the sun on their rooftops during daylight hours where they may be mistakenly identified as ISIL fighters.

3. Analysis:

a. AWTs from TF (b)(1)1.4a were active in East Mosul on 30 Dec 16, conducting (b)(1)1.4a engagements against ISIL targets.

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1. TF (b)(1)1.4a AWT Engagement QRF#1 against 3xISIL fighters sheltering beneath a building overhang in GRG E22.
2. TF (b)(1)1.4a AWT Engagement AWT#1 against a VBIED in GRG F22.
3. TF (b)(1)1.4a AWT Engagement AWT#2 against 2xISIL fighters and a UAV in GRGs D38 and D40.

b. Of these 3 engagements, only one was in the vicinity of the Intisar neighborhood. Engagement QRF#1 against ISIL fighters occurred in the Al Karamah area (GRG E22) which is just to the north of Intisar (GRGs E24, F36, and F37) as per the enclosed storyboard and map. An ISR asset (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) detected multiple armed personnel under cover of a building overhang on a street corner. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) engaged the target under collective self-defense ROE at (b)(1)1.4a with (b)(1)1.4a resulting in three EKIA.

c. Review of AWT FMV (enclosed) from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) reveals the presence of two unidentified individuals on the rooftop of a building across the street to the east from the targeted ISIL fighters. The two individuals are motionless before the strike and are in the shade of a wall. At (b)(1)1.4a strikes the three targeted ISIL fighters with blast affecting the street-front of the opposite building, but not rising above the roof line. Post-strike, the two individuals can be observed moving quickly into the building. They do not appear to be injured. The individuals are not visible in the FMV feed from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) or in the FMV feed from the ISR asset, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) (enclosed). Apart from the two individuals observed on the roof of this building, there is no detectable CIVPOL in any of the available FMV footage relating to any of the three AWT engagements which occurred that day.

d. The enclosed storyboard for the (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) strike indicates that the coalition aviation asset engaged the target from a distance of more than two kilometers making any identification of the source of the attack by persons collaterally affected by it almost impossible.

e. Iraqi Army Aviation (IAA) currently operate attack helicopters in support of ISF operations in Mosul. Inquiries through CJOC-B have confirmed that IAA rotary wing operations occurred in the vicinity of Mosul on 30 Dec 16, but their exact number, nature and location remains uncertain.

4. Credibility Assessment: Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this CIVCAS allegation is deemed not credible. While two unidentified individuals were observed in the vicinity of the 30 Dec 16 AWT engagement closest to the Intisar neighborhood, they do not appear to have been killed or injured.

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Review of all FMV from coalition AWT engagements that day does not disclose the presence of any possible children on any building roofs in the vicinity of any targets.

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

1. Storyboard for AWT engagement
2. Intisar Neighborhood GRGs
3. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) FMV
4. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) FMV

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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:

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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.

9 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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