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To: (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6) CENTCOM CJTF OIR (US)
Cc: [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a
Subject: FW: (APPROVAL) CIVCAS Credibility Assessment (CCAR) of Alleged CIVCAS on 17-19 June 2016 IVO Manbij, Syria
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(b)(1) TEA conducted a credibility assessment on the 17-19 June 16 strike and found the CIVCAS allegation to be not credible. Legal has reviewed the assessment and a recommendation to not do a 15-6 investigation was made to the TEA. TEA, supported the recommendation, and we are now forwarding our findings to you for this CIVCAS allegation to be closed out.

Very Respectfully,

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Sir,

[REDACTED] conducted a credibility assessment of possible CIVCAS during 7 K/S conducted IVO of Manbij, Syria between 17-19 June 2016. All reference photos below text.

Background: On 17-19 June 16, [REDACTED] executed 7 x K/S (20 x engagements) against ISIL fighters and defensive fighting positions IVO of Manbij, Syria. The strikes were conducted in support of SDF movement and clearance of Manbij, SY. These strikes were conducted in self-defense of partnered forces, IAW CENTCOM ROE

[REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a Although the strikes were viewed via ISR, no recorded FMV of the strikes is available at [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a to time lapse since strikes occurred.

Assessment: Review of [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a pre and post-strike photos show what is likely the destruction of six structures (Photos 4, 5, 6, 9, 10). Review of pre and post-strike [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a of the CIVCAS location provided by Human Rights Watch [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a shows no damage to the structure in before and after images during the 17 – 19 June 16 strike window (Photo 2). In addition, the time and location of the alleged CIVCAS does not correlate with any [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a strikes. [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a conducted seven strikes in self-defense of specially designated personnel IAW CENTCOM ROE Authorization Serial 3, RO [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a SO OPN [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a The only strike by [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a at around 0800 hours during the relevant period shows the destruction of a single structure in open terrain, 1.6 miles south of the location provided by Human Rights Watch. [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a assesses [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a followed standard operating procedures when prosecuting these strikes, proper collateral scans were conducted prior to rifle, and the area was free of civilians at the time of the strikes. Based on a review of the information, [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a assesses the allegation of CIVCAS is not credible.

Recommendation: Based on the investigative steps already taken, I do not recommend a 15-6 investigation be opened into this strike. [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a followed standard operating procedures when prosecuting these strikes, and it does not appear that a 15-6 investigation would yield any additional information. Recommend this strike be closed out with CJTF-OIR, deemed not credible. SJA concurs with this recommendation.

Photo 1: Location of strikes 17 – 19 Jun 2016 IVO Manbij, SY

Photo 2: Alleged CIVCAS Location (Pre and Post-Strike)

Photo 3: Strike 1 Pre and Post-Strike Imagery

Photo 4: Strike 2 Pre and Post-Strike Imagery (Engagements 1-4)

Strike 2 – TF (b)(1)1.4a : On 18 JUNE 16, (b)(1)1.4a conducted a KS with (b)(1)1.4a engagements on ISIL Fighters (RO (b)(1)1.4a IVO Manbij, Syria.

WH (b)(1)1.4a

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

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

WHERE: IVO Manbij, Syria

ENGAGEMENT 1: (b)(1)1.4a
ENGAGEMENT 2: (b)(1)1.4a
ENGAGEMENT 3: (b)(1)1.4a
ENGAGEMENT 4: (b)(1)1.4a

WHEN: 18 JUNE 16

ENGAGEMENT 1: (b)(1)1.4a Z
ENGAGEMENT 2: (b)(1)1.4a Z
ENGAGEMENT 3: (b)(1)1.4a Z

ENGAGEMENT 4: (b)(1)1.4a

WHY: To Kill ISIL Fighters ISO OPN (b)(1)1.4a

TOTAL BDA: 5 x EKIA, 1 x ISIL DFP Destroyed

Photo 5: Strike 3 Pre and Post-Strike Imagery (Engagements 1, 2, 4 and 5)

Photo 6: Strike 3 Pre and Post-Strike Imagery (Engagement 3)

Photo 7: Strike 4 Pre and Post-Strike Imagery (Engagements 1-2)

Photo 8: Strike 5 Pre and Post-Strike Imagery (Engagements 1-2)

Photo 9: Strike 6 Pre and Post-Strike Imagery (Engagements 1-2)

Photo 10: Strike 7 Pre and Post-Strike Imagery (Engagements 1-4)

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