

AR 15-6: 1APR18 EA Kinetic Strike

- 1 April 2018, JTF (b)(1)1.4(a) against Al-Shabaab (AS) fighters (b)(1)1.4(a) in the vicinity of El Buur Somalia killing all occupants in the target vehicle. (b)(1)1.4(a)
- During post-strike review by (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) it was assessed that one of the individuals targeted in the strike was misidentified by the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) as an adult male, and was actually an adult female with a child.
- Facts from AR 15-6:
 - The (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) had a disagreement as to whether (b)(1)1.4(a) count of the target vehicle was (b)(1)1.7(e)
 - Only after the strike and multiple reviews of the (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was it determined that 5x adults and 1x child loaded into the vehicle (b)(1)1.4(a)
- Findings from AR 15-6:
 - One female and one child was killed in the strike.
 - **Time was the biggest factor in the updated (b)(1)1.4(a) as the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was able to methodically look and relook at tape to confirm whereas the (b)(1)1.4(a) was under perceived pressure to get the (b)(1)1.4(a) out as quickly as possible. I recommend that each senior analyst has a brief with their team prior to going on shift to ensure the entire team has the correct mindset and highlights that accuracy is more important than speed.** (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
- JTF (b)(1)1.4(a) Requirement:
 - Any discrepancy in (b)(1)1.4(a) must be briefed to the JTF (b)(1)1.4(a) regardless of where we are in the strike process. All JOC personnel are empowered to speak up at any point.

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(b)(1)1.7(e)



(b)(1)1.7(e)



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JOINT TASK FORCE (b)(1)1.7(e)

JTF (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

18 July 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT Action on Findings and Recommendations – AR 15-6 JTF Kinetic Strike against Al-Shabaab Fighters (b)(1)1.4(a)

1 On 29 May 2018, I appointed (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) as an investigating officer to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding allegations that a Joint Task Force kinetic strike against Al-Shabaab (AS) fighters (b)(1)1.4(a) conducted in El Buur, Galguduud Somalia, on 1 April 2018, resulted in civilian casualties (CIVCAS).

2 I have reviewed the subject findings and recommendations dated 21 June 2018. I find the following:

a I **approve** the finding in paragraph 4a that (b)(1)1.7(e) was a valid target IAW (b)(1)1.7(e) (b)(1)1.7(e)

b I **approve** the finding in paragraph 4b that the applicable Rule of Engagement for this strike was (b)(1)1.7(e)

c I **approve** the finding in paragraph 4c that the strike complied with (b)(1)1.7(e)

d I **approve** the finding in paragraph 4d (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)
(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

e I **disapprove** (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

f I **approve** the finding in paragraph 4e that the quality of the FMV feeds were not a causal factor of CIVCAS.

g I **approve** the finding in paragraph 4f that nothing in the strike procedures employed by JTF (b)(1)1.7(e) personnel—standard operating procedure for all JTF (b)(1)1.7(e) strikes—contributed to civilian casualties.

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

h. I **approve** the finding in paragraph 4g that an adult female and a child were killed in the strike. This post-strike assessment was made by (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) analysts following extensive review of FMV.

i. I **approve** the finding in paragraph 4h that there was a disagreement as to the number of individuals in the targeted vehicle, and that this disagreement was not conveyed to (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b)

j. I **refer** (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

k. I **approve with the following modifications** (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

3. (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



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HEADQUARTERS

JOINT TASK FORCE (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(6)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(6)

TF (b)(1)1.7(e)

21 June 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR TF (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

SUBJECT: AR 15-6 Investigation into Joint Task Force kinetic strike against Al-Shabaab fighters (b)(1)1.4(a)

1. **Background.** (S) I was appointed by TF (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(6) on 29 May 2018 as an investigating officer (IO) pursuant to Army Regulation 15-6, to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding 1 APR 2018 Joint Task Force kinetic strike against Al-Shabaab fighters (b)(1)1.4(a)

2. **Summary.** (S) On 1 April 2018, TF (b)(1)1.7(e) took (b)(1)1.4(a) shots from (b)(1)1.4(a) against Al-Shabaab (AS) fighters (b)(1)1.4(a) in the vicinity of El Buur Somalia killing all occupants in the target vehicle to include (b)(1)1.7(e). This was the kinetic end to the months long target development of a target who was (b)(1)1.4(c). This strike was executed in accordance with the published TF (b)(1)1.7(e). During post-strike review by the (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) it was assessed that one of the ADM that loaded into the vehicle at (b)(1)1.7(e) was a Adult Female and child. This was assessed as the survivor running away from vehicle post the first engagement at (b)(1)1.7(e)

3. **Timeline.** This strike took place on 1 April 2018.

(b)(1)1.7(e) 2x Adult Males (ADM) were observed entering the target vehicle. 2 additional ADMs entered the vehicle, (b)(1)1.4(a)

(b)(1)1.4(a) (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the individual that entered the front right side of the vehicle exited and walked around the vehicle to the left side meeting with 2 more ADMs was an ADM. This same ADM that just exited, opened the front left door and another ADM exited (b)(1)1.4(a)

(b)(1)1.7(e) the ADM that opened the left door of the vehicle, reentered the vehicle on the front left side. In the same minute, an individual (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to be an ADM.

(b)(1)1.7(e) the vehicle observed departing El Buur to the South. (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

discussed whether a fifth ADM may have entered the vehicle, however (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(C), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) held to (b)(1)1.4(a)

The possible fifth passenger was identified and briefed as an adult male

Between (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

that the vehicle occupants

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TF (b)(1)1.7(e)

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were AS operatives associated with (b)(1)1.4(a) no male noncombatants would be injured or killed, and (b)(1)1.4(a) no women or children would be injured or killed.

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

4. Facts.

a. (S) (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on 1 April 2018, and observed 4 adults get into the target vehicle (b)(1)1.7(e) that the 4 adult males included (b)(1)1.7(e) was in the vehicle between (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

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

b. (S) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit F)

c. (S) (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) executed the strike (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with zero issues. (Exhibit B and C)

d. (S) (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) had a disagreement to number of passengers in the target vehicle, this was (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), agreeing (b)(1)1.7(e) and (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) This discussion to clarify the numbers in the vehicle was agreed upon to be (b)(1)1.7(e) all-males. prior to informing (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) between after (b)(1)1.7(e) An agreed upon (b)(1)1.4(a) all males. was passed to (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who then called (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) re-reviewed the FMV capture and assessed that the final vehicle load up was in fact (b)(1)1.7(e) Only after the strike and multiple reviews of the vehicle load up sequence was it determined that 5x adults and 1x child loaded into the vehicle. (Exhibits H and I)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

e. (U) The average experience level of the (b)(1)1.7(e) on shift had 1-8 years of experience, however some members did not have any FMV experience. (Exhibit E)

TF (b)(1)1.7(e)
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4. **Findings.** (U) I make the following findings based on a preponderance of the evidence after thoroughly reviewing all of the enclosed exhibits:

a. ~~(S)~~ **The facts and circumstances surrounding the kinetic strike, including a description of the target, how the target was chosen, why the location of the strike was chosen, and the basis for the strike:** The target (b)(1)1.7(e) was a valid target in accordance with the (b)(1)1.7(e) and the associated Baseball Card, exhibit A, was generated to aid in the targeting process. (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)
(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

(b)(1)1.4(a) According to the sworn statement from (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 13) exhibit B, (b)(1)1.4(a) and the strike was executed in accordance to (b)(1)1.7(e) (Exhibit C).

b. ~~(S)~~ **Identify the ROE under which this strike was executed, including the members of a declared hostile force or the imminence based on demonstrated hostile acts or hostile intent:** The applicable Rules of Engagement for this strike was (b)(1)1.4(a)

(b)(1)1.4(a) (Exhibit D).

c. ~~(S)~~ **An analysis regarding whether the service members involved complied with applicable Rules of Engagement. Include statements from all relevant witnesses:** The strike complied with the applicable Rules of Engagement. Per the sworn statement from (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 13) exhibit B, (b)(1)1.7(e) on the strike on (b)(1)1.7(e) per the standards and have (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) concurrence of target validity and (b)(1)1.7(e) (b)(1)1.7(e) is a valid target per (b)(1)1.7(e) (Exhibit A).

d. ~~(S)~~ **A description of how the JTF evaluated whether noncombatants would be killed or injured in the strike, including (b)(1)1.7(e) plan, whether the JTF identified noncombatants before striking, and whether the strike killed or injured noncombatants:** According to Exhibits F and F, the (b)(1)1.4(a) determine

(b)(1)1.4(a) was sufficient. (b)(1)1.7(e) plan is in accordance with the (b)(1)1.4(a) (b)(1)1.4(a) (Exhibit C)

TF (b)(1)1.7(e)
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e. ~~(S)~~ Describe the process used to determine (b)(1)1.4(a) identify any changes in the assessment of (b)(1)1.4(a) post-strike; the discussions between the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding (b)(1)1.4(a) and assessment of whether the quality of the JOC feeds contributed to any discrepancies in assessing (b)(1)1.4(a) is determined by both (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7) with trained and qualified (b)(1)1.7(e) Analysts. For this strike, there are real-time discussions that take place between (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(5) (b)(5) (b)(5) (Exhibit E, F, G)

f. ~~(S)~~ A review of the targeting procedures used, to include strike authority, and approval process: During my review of the (b)(1)1.7(e) strike, I reviewed the strike procedures with (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (b)(3) personnel. They confirmed that the procedures used for this strike were the standard operating procedures utilized for all (b)(1)1.7(e) strikes. Based on my review of the procedures, interviews with personnel and review of strike videos and chat logs, nothing in the strike procedures caused this inaccurate (b)(1)1.4 call. (Exhibits B, C)

g. ~~(S)~~ If any civilian personnel were injured or killed, a determination of the identity of those personnel, how and when did the determination of identity occur and the likely cause and extent of the injuries: I assess that one female and one child was killed in the strike. I base this assessment on the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) team's extensive review of FMV of the strike by the most experienced FMV analysts in the (b)(1)1.7(e). Due to the limited information available in post-strike reflections, the exact name of the civilians personnel killed in the strike are not known at this time and may never be known.

h. ~~(S)~~ During the execution of the strike against (b)(1)1.7(e) did either the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) disagree on the (b)(1)1.4 call, if so, was this ever conveyed to (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) Yes, there was a disagreement on (b)(1)1.4(a) but only regarding numbers not sex or age. This disagreement was not conveyed to (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(C) Not until extensive review by the (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(C) which is the most experienced FMV analysts in the (b)(1)1.7(e) was it determined that a (b)(1)1.4(a) should have been the correct call. At no point during the events that led up to the strike, or the (b)(1)1.4(a) call was (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7) made aware that there were women and children in the target vehicle. (Exhibits H and I).

TF (b)(1)1.7(e)
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i. (U) **Any other matters, recommendations, or lessons learned you deem relevant to this inquiry.** A member of the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C.) on duty highlights that due to a contracting issue, they have lost a lot of their experienced personnel but the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C.) has put mitigation measures in place by moving personnel between areas of operation to increase experience levels. Another member highlights that they have team members with 10 year of experience as an analyst but zero FMV experience. Members of the team related that they did not consider themselves experienced while one (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) personnel interviewed did consider the team in question to be experienced (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) actually had 17.5 years' experience between the four member team, with the youngest member only having 6 months working FMV analysis and 6 months with the TF (b)(1)1.7(e) operations. However, the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C.) does not track how much individual Areas of Responsibility (AOR) time each member works so inquired by the Investigating Officer (IO), the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C.) responded with that information is not available (N/A). This could lead to a very inexperienced crew working in an AOR due to lack of a Checks and Balance system. Additionally, when looking into the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 13) and how they were able to reclassify (b)(1)1.4(a) I did learn that due to the additional requirement placed upon the team they have access to additional software and hardware. While neither were actually used for the updated (b)(1)1.4 I found that concerning that the daily teams do not have the most up to date software and hardware needed for mission analysis. Time was the biggest factor in the updated (b)(1)1.4 as the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 13) was able to methodically look and relook at tape to confirm whereas the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C.) was under perceived pressure to get the (b)(1)1.4 out as quickly as possible. I recommend that each senior analyst has a brief with their team prior to going on shift to ensure the entire team has the correct mindset and highlights that accuracy is more important than speed. (Exhibits E, J and K)

a. (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) **EXPERIENCE:**

a. (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(E)
[Redacted]

b. (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(E)
[Redacted]

c. (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(E)
[Redacted]

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- d. (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(E)

5. **Recommendations.** I make the following recommendation based upon the findings.

- a. (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
- b.
- c.
- d.

6. (U) The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at DSN: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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JOINT TASK FORCE (b)(1)1.7(e)



JTF (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

29 May 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

SUBJECT: Appointment as Investigating Officer

1. ~~(S//NF)~~ **Appointment.** You are hereby appointed as an investigating officer pursuant to Army Regulation (AR) 15-6 to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding allegations that a Joint Task Force kinetic strike against Al-Shabaab (AS) fighters (b)(1)1.4(a) conducted in El Buur, Galguduud Somalia, on 1 April 2018, resulted in civilian casualties (CIVCAS). This investigation is your primary duty and takes precedence over all other duties assigned.

2. (U) **Legal Orientation.** Before you begin your investigation, you must receive a briefing from the JTF (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). She will serve as your legal advisor during the investigation. Consult with her regarding all aspects of this investigation, including preparing findings and recommendations.

3. (U) **Procedures.** You are to conduct this administrative investigation using the procedures outlined in Chapters 3 and 5, AR 15-6. Thoroughly document all witness interviews in writing using DA Form 2823, Sworn Statement. If at any time during interviews or collection of statements you suspect misconduct, consult your legal advisor and, before continuing and when applicable, advise the individual of his or her rights by executing a DA Form 3881, Rights Warning Certificate.

4. (U) **Report of Investigation.** Your findings should list the facts as you determine them to be true and should address and resolve any inconsistencies you discover in the evidence. Each finding must be supported by and cited to an attached exhibit. All recommendations must be supported by your findings. Specifically, your inquiry shall address the following:

a. ~~(S)~~ The facts and circumstances surrounding the kinetic strike, including a (b)(1)1.4(a) and the basis for the strike;

b. ~~(S)~~ Identify the ROE under which this strike was executed, including the (b)(1)1.4(a) the target as members

JTF (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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of a declared hostile force or the imminence based on demonstrated hostile acts or hostile intent;

c. ~~(S)~~ An analysis regarding whether the servicemembers involved complied with applicable Rules of Engagement. Include statements from all relevant witnesses;

d. ~~(S)~~ A description of how the JTF evaluated whether noncombatants would be killed or injured in the strike, (b)(1)1.7(e) whether the JTF identified noncombatants before striking, and whether the strike killed or injured noncombatants;

e. Describe the process used to determine (b)(1)1.4(a) identify any changes in the assessment of (b)(1)1.4(a) post-strike; the discussions between the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding (b)(1)1.4(a) and assessment of whether the quality of the JOC feeds contributed to any discrepancies in assessing (b)(1)1.4(a)

f. ~~(S)~~ A review of the targeting procedures used, to include strike authority, and approval process;

g. ~~(S)~~ If any civilian personnel were injured or killed, a determination of the identity of those personnel, how and when did the determination of identity occur and the likely cause and extent of the injuries;

h. (U) Any other matters, recommendations, or lessons learned you deem relevant to this inquiry.

5. (U) **Suspense.** Submit your report of investigation to your legal advisor for review no later than Friday, 15 June 2018. Submit any requests for extension through your legal advisor. The JTF (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) may approve extensions for up to seven additional days for good cause.

6. (U//~~FOUO~~) **Security Classification.** Ensure your investigation report, to include all exhibits and attachments, is properly classified with appropriate markings. You are to produce your report at the SECRET level. Exhibits may be classified at a higher level.

7. (U) Point of contact for this investigation is the JTF (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Note. Completed forms may contain personally identifiable information and require handling as set forth in AR 340-21.
For use of this form, see AR 15-6; the proponent agency is OTJAG.

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SECTION I - APPOINTMENT

Appointed by (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Appointing authority)
 on 20180529 (Date) (Attach enclosure 1. Letter of appointment or summary of oral appointment data.) (See para 3-15, AR 15-6.)

SECTION II - TIMELINE

1. The (investigation) commenced at (b)(1)1.7(e) (Place) at 1100 (Time)
 on 20180530 (Date)

2. The (investigating officer) finished gathering/hearing evidence at 0900 (Time) on 20180621 (Date) and completed findings and recommendations at 0930 (Time) on 20180621 (Date)

SECTION III - CHECKLIST FOR PROCEEDINGS

A. COMPLETE IN ALL CASES		YES	NO ^{1/}	NA ^{2/}
1.	Enclosures (para 3-13, AR 15-6) Are the following enclosed and numbered consecutively with Roman numerals: (Attached in order listed)			
	a. The memorandum of appointment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b. All other written communications to or from the appointing authority?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c. Privacy Act Statements (Certificate, if statement provided orally)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d. Explanation by the investigating officer of any unusual delays, difficulties, irregularities, or other problems encountered (e.g., absence of material witnesses)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	e. Any other significant papers (other than evidence) relating to administrative aspects of the investigation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	f. An Executive Summary, Index of Exhibits, Chronology of the Investigation and lists of all persons interviewed and evidence gathered. (Complex, serious and/or high profile cases)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Exhibits (para 3-14, AR 15-6)			
	a. Are all items offered (whether or not received) or considered as evidence individually numbered or lettered as exhibits and attached to this report?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	b. Is an index of all exhibits offered to or considered by investigating officer attached before the first exhibit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	c. Has the testimony/statement of each witness been recorded verbatim or been reduced to written form and attached as an exhibit?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	d. Are copies, descriptions, or depictions (if substituted for real or documentary evidence) properly authenticated and is the location of the original evidence indicated?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	e. Are descriptions or diagrams included of locations visited by the investigating officer (Appendix C-3, AR 15-6)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	f. Is each written stipulation attached as an exhibit and is each oral stipulation either reduced to writing and made an exhibit or recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOOTNOTES: ^{1/} Explain all negative answers on an attached sheet.
^{2/} Use of the N/A column constitutes a positive representation that the circumstances described in the question did not occur in this investigation.

SECTION IV - FINDINGS (para 3-10, AR 15-6)

The (investigating officer), having carefully considered the evidence, finds: [Each paragraph should be one conclusion based on the evidence gathered during the investigation. These findings should provide answers to each question posed by the appointing authority in the appointment memorandum. The evidence that supports each finding must be cited.]

See Memorandum dated 21 June 2018

SECTION V - RECOMMENDATIONS (para 3-11, AR 15-6)

In view of the above findings, the *(investigating officer)* recommends: *[Each paragraph should be one recommendation based on the findings in Section IV. Address what actions, if any, should be taken with regard to the individuals involved, the unit leadership, and any steps that can be taken to prevent the occurrence in the future. Recommendations do not need to be adverse or punitive. For example, the investigation results can be used as a training tool.]*

See Memorandum dated 21 June 2018.

SECTION VI - AUTHENTICATION (para 3-15, AR 15-6)

THIS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE

SIGNED: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(Investigating Officer)

SECTION VII - ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY (para 2-8, AR 15-6)

The findings and recommendations of the (investigating officer) are

a) Approved Refer to enclosed MFR: Action on Findings and Recommendations – AR 15-6 JTF Kinetic Strike against Al-Shabaab Fighters (b)(1)1.4(a)

b) Approved with the following modifications

(1) The following findings of fact are added/deleted:

(2) The following findings of fact are modified as follows:

(3) The following recommendations are added/deleted:

(4) The following recommendations are modified as follows:

(5) The action recommended in recommendation _____ has been accomplished by _____

(6) Recommendation(s) _____ is not appropriate for action by this command; however a copy of this investigation is being furnished to _____ for such action as deemed appropriate.

c) Disapproved.

d) The report is (incomplete), (ambiguous), (erroneous) and/or (specify deficiency) with respect to _____

It is, therefore, hereby returned to the IO for corrective action as follows _____

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

18 July 2018

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(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c), (b)(6)
(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

USE THIS PAGE IF NEEDED. IF THIS PAGE IS NOT NEEDED, PLEASE PROCEED TO FINAL PAGE OF THIS FORM.

STATEMENT OF _____ TAKEN AT _____ DATED _____

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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(b)(1)I.4(a), (b)(1)I.4(g)

(b)(1)I.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E)

JOINT STAFF REFERRAL

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c), (b)(1)1.4(g), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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U Hope this helps... keep em coming and I'll do my best to get you what you need.

V/r,

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 11:02 PM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Cc:

Subject: RE: (S) (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) POC Request

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

U Thanks for the data, this is great. I have a few additional questions about this strike for right now:

S What is the (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

S As (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) what do you do if you disagree with an assessment? Who holds the tie breaker, the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Was there a disagreement on this strike?

S (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) room too?

U Thanks for the help.

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 3:19 PM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Cc:

Subject: RE: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) POC Request

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

S I'm the JTF (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) that oversees all (b)(1)1.4(a) Feel free to hit me up with any questions and I'll get them answered and/or farmed out as needed.

U Answers to your initial questions are embedded below my signature block in red. Please let me know if I misinterpreted or if you need any additional info.

V/r,

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

S//NF How was (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c) How is this a viable target? BBC attached with background info or (b)(1)1.7(e) but to summarize: (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

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

just wasn't

sure how much info you wanted as part of this email chain. I've also cc'd our JAG in case I misinterpreted your question and were actually looking for info on authorities, etc.

S What is the interaction between (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) During strike windows, primarily through the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) although our (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) here in the watch floor occasionally have discussions with them as well. Our interactions with them are mainly to deconflict any inconsistencies in what (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) are reporting there vs. here. In my experience, the majority of the time the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) are very consistent with each other,

including the day of the strike in question.

S What is your process for determining (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or not? Once (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

S Do you still have the (b)(1)1.7 log from the (b)(1)1.7(e) strike on 1 APR? We do, and I'll send it SEPCOR on (b)(1)1.7(e) on high-side.

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)

Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 6:57 PM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Cc:

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: (S) (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) POC Request

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

S per our discussion, (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has been appointed by the (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) as the Investigating Officer in the (b)(1)1.7(e) (b)(1)1.7(e) Strike. Looking to get a few questions answered and provide an (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) POC for any follow on questions he may have.

Here are the initial questions:

S//NF How was (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c) [redacted] ? How is this a viable target?

S What is the interaction between (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] ?

What is your process for determining (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] or not?

Do you still have the (b)(1)1.7 [redacted] log from the (b)(1)1.7(e) [redacted] strike on 1 APR?

U I have CC'd (b)(3) [redacted] so you have his contact information and looped in (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]. Thank you in advance and please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Very Respectfully,

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 6:12 PM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

Subject: RE: (S) (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] POC Request

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted]

U Can you please provide me the following data for my investigation?

S//NF How was (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c) [redacted] ? How is this a viable target?

S What is the interaction between (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] ?

What is your process for determining (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [redacted] or not?

Do you still have the (b)(1)1.7 [redacted] log from the (b)(1)1.7(e) [redacted] strike on 1 APR?

S I have been appointed by the (b)(1)1.7(e), as the Investigating Officer in the (b)(1)1.7(e) Strike.

I thank you for your time.

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 10:01 AM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Cc:

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) POC Request

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b)

U My apologies for the delay. Good to hear from you, hope all is well on your end. I've copied (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) (Primary), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) (Secondary), (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for providing the POC information for you. I have left (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) but any of the above noted (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) will be able to point you in the right direction.

U Let me know if you don't get the info you need.

V/R,

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 1:23 PM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: Missed conversation with (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b) 1:20 PM:

S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) hope this message finds you well but I need a favor. Can you give me a contact in (b)(1)1.7(e)
(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ? I am investigating this CIVCAS thing (b)(1)1.7(e)
Thanks - (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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

S JTF (b)(1) CCAR ICO 1 APR 2018 K/S EI Buur, Somalia

S CIVCAS credibility assessment for the 01 APR 18 Kinetic Strike targeting assessed al Shabaab (AS) fighters (b)(1)1.4(a) in EI Buur, Galguduud, Somalia.

S **BLUF:** Following social media reports of CIVCAS, the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) (reviewed enhanced ISR footage of the event and concluded that one female and potentially one child were killed, along with four adult males, who JTF (b)(1) identified in post-strike reporting as AS operatives. JTF (b)(1) reviewed all reasonably available information related to the kinetic strike conducted on 1 April 2018 IVO EI Buur, Galguduud, Somalia, to include the assessment produced by the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) JTF (b)(1) concurs with the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) (that CIVCAS allegations related to this strike **are credible**.

U **WHO:** JTF (b)(1)1.7(e)
• (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

S **WHAT:** On 01 April 2018, JTF (b)(1) conducted a kinetic strike with (b)(1)1.4(a) against what was originally assessed to be a group of four adult male (ADM) AS operatives associated with (b)(1)1.4(a) IVO EI Buur, Galguduud Somalia. (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)
adult males targeted in the strike were AS operatives (b)(1)1.4(a) no male noncombatants would be injured or killed, and (b)(1)1.4(a) that no women or children would be injured or killed.

U **WHEN:** 01 1424Z April 2018

U **WHERE:** IVO EI Burr, Galguduud Somalia
• (b)(1)1.4(a)
•

S **WHY:** There were some social media and other open source reports claiming that the strike targeted a civilian convoy and that three civilians were killed, to include prominent elders and at least one woman. This CCAR serves as the JTF (b)(1) assessment regarding the likelihood of civilian casualties.

AMPLIFYING DETAIL:

S//NF 1) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

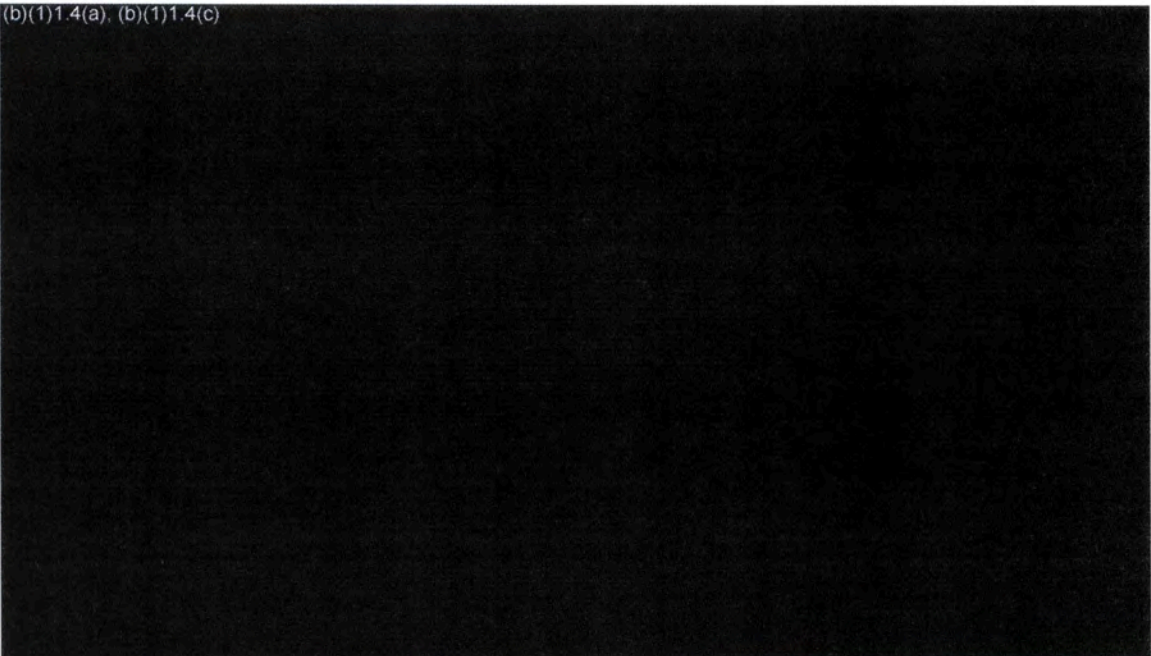


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(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

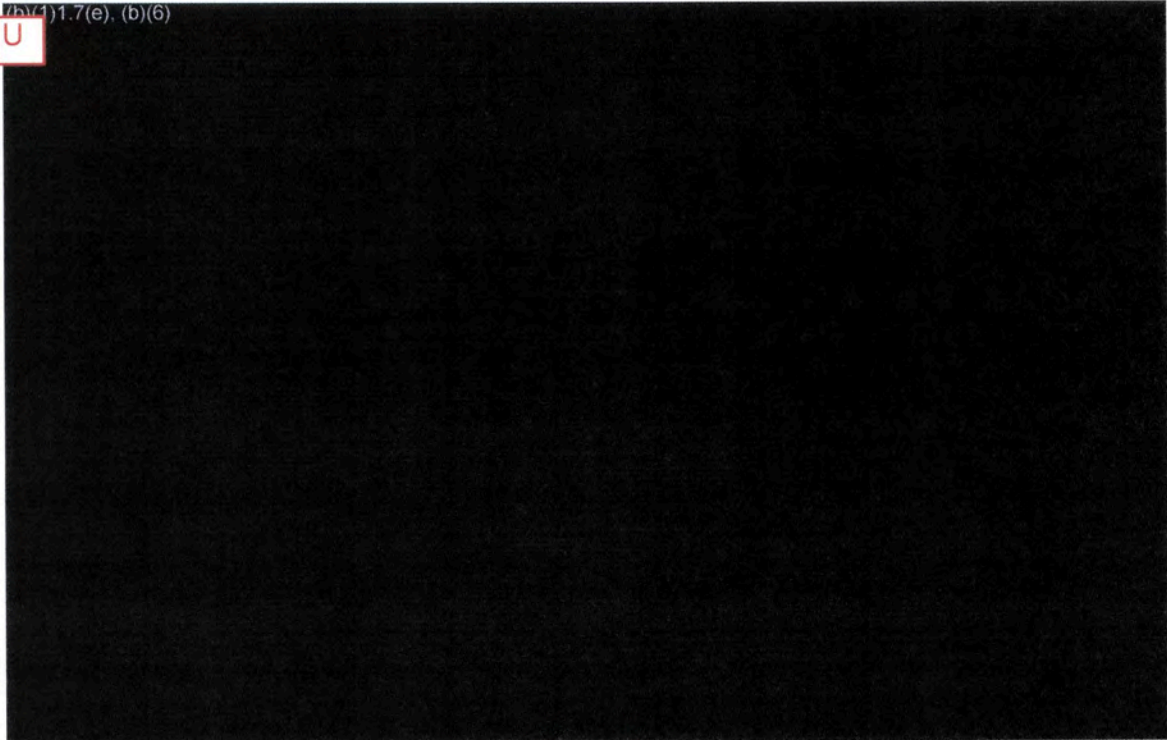


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- (b)(1)1.7(e) following the strike, the (b)(1)1.7(e) revised the (b)(1)1.4(a) and assessed that there were five and not four ADMs inside the vehicle when it was struck.

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(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(6)




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



S 6) **ACTIONS TAKEN:** Upon receipt of (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), assessment, JTF (b)(1)1.7(e) conducted a review of the strike process to clearly determine the possibility of CIVCAS and identify methods of reducing CIVCAS in future strikes. Despite multiple pre- and post-strike FMV reviews by (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) neither entity assessed that any women or children loaded up in the targeted vehicle. The likelihood of CIVCAS only became clear when (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) with decades of combined SOF GEOINT experience and (b)(1)1.7(e) (b)(1)1.7(e) reviewed the ISR footage. The apparent results of the strike notwithstanding, JTF (b)(1) is satisfied that all control measures for an (b)(1)1.4(a) strike were followed, appropriate measures to mitigate civilian casualties were taken, and the commander met targeting criteria using all available information to include the (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c) Upon further review, it appears that a woman was misidentified as an ADM and a child may have entered the targeted vehicle undetected. Accordingly, after a review of (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) JTF (b)(1) agrees that CIVCAS allegations related to the 01 April 2018 kinetic strike IVO El Buur, Somalia are credible.

S 7) **WAY AHEAD:** JTF (b)(1) has considered multiple strategies to reduce the possibility of CIVCAS, however, each proposal has accompanying advantages and disadvantages. (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(g), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



S **CONCLUSION:** In this specific instance, the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and its leaders made the best possible assessment with the information that was available to them. This information was appropriately passed to the JTF (b)(1) Commander for evaluation. The JTF (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) that all targeted individuals were AS, (b)(1)1.4(a) (b)(1)1.4(a) means that no male noncombatants would be injured or killed

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(b)(1)1.4(a) [REDACTED] that no women or children would be injured or killed before conducting the 01 April 2018 kinetic strike. JTF (b)(1) [REDACTED] will continue to pursue any and all opportunities to mitigate the risk of civilian casualties in carrying out its direct action mission.

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 8:05 AM
To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ CIVCAS 15-6 RFI - ASAP

All,

U Agree with what (b)(3) said in terms of (b)(1)1.7 as they relate to CIVCAS.

S If I remember correctly, from (b)(1)1.4(c) upon post-strike review, both parties agreed on (b)(1)1.7. This was all prior to the in-depth analysis that revealed a female being misidentified as a male during the vehicle loadup. The CCAR should lay out those details as well. If the CCAR differs from what I laid out above, I defer to that report, as I'm pulling from the memory bank right now a couple months after the fact.

V/r,

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 8:19 PM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ CIVCAS 15-6 RFI - ASAP

U No. The female was misidentified as a male. The POSS child was completely missed until the CIVCAS review.

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 12:43 PM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: ~~(S)~~ CIVCAS 15-6 RFI - ASAP

Importance: High

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All,

U I need a response from both the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on this one:

S Did either team ever think or actually make a change in (b)(1)1 call for the strike against (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(6)? If so, did that ever get conveyed to (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(6)? If no change in (b)(1)1.4 call was made but needed to be, why wasn't it?

Thank you.

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 1:19 PM
To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ CIVCAS 15-6 RFI - ASAP

U No. The female was misidentified as a male. The POSS child was completely missed until the CIVCAS review.

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Subject: ~~(S)~~ CIVCAS 15-6 RFI - ASAP

Importance: High

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All,


U I need a response from both the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on this one:

S Did either team ever think or actually make a change in (b)(1)1 call for the strike against (b)(1)1.7(e)? If so, did that ever get conveyed to CDR TF (b)(1)1? If no change in (b)(1)1 call was made but needed to be, why wasn't it?

Thank you.

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 11:53 AM
To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Cc:
Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ Timeline?

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6)

U I defer to (b)(6) on the exact timeline and callouts from an FMV analysis perspective, but here is the timeline we laid out in our CCAR:

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

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

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

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

S As far as the timeline of when (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) arrived in the JOC, that's not something we document along the way, so I can't reference any sort of log to provide a minute-by-minute accounting. However, this was a (b)(1)1.4(c)

(b)(1)1.4(c) is particular day I remember (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), being present for the vast majority of the day (b)(1)1.4(c). Unfortunately, I was out of the JOC during (b)(1)1.7(e) and returned just before the actual strike... according to (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(1)1.7(e) (who is cc'd) he and (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6) (also cc'd) were the ones that briefed the final scenario to the bosses.

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I won't speak to bias being formed directly, (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

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

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

All that said, the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) are instructed frequently and at multiple levels of leadership to provide honest, un-varnished assessments on what they are seeing, specifically with regard to any potential collateral concerns. That, combined with the physical separation of us and the (b)(3) leads me to believe that any mistake was not influenced by (b)(1)1.4(c) and we always stress that

(b)(1)1.4(a)

V/r,

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:10 PM

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ Timeline?

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

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

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** All times are based on the video clip in this directory (b)(1)1.7(e)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:23 AM

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: ~~(S)~~ Timeline?

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Gents,

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I guess I am missing something. (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.4(c)

S (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) can you please give me the timeline from (b)(3) of when (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 1301) arrived in the JOC and who provided the SITREP to them? I don't need names but assuming the brief was given by the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 1301b).

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

(b)(1)1.4(c)

? Very?

Also, how

U (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 1301b) is very aware of this situation and I want to paint as accurate of a picture as possible so we can capture the lessons learned and where we can move forward. The compounding issue here is (b)(3) turns into a pumpkin next week so I am up against a hard deadline.

Thanks,

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 1301b), (b)(6)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 1301b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 11:10 AM
To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ Timeline?

S Yes. (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)
(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

U ** All times are based on the video clip in this directory (b)(1)1.7(e)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 10:23 AM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: ~~(S)~~ Timeline?

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Gents,

S I guess I am missing something. (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)
(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c)

(b)(1)1.4(c)

S (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) can you please give me the timeline from (b)(1)1 of when (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) arrived in the JOC and who provided the SITREP to them? I don't need names but assuming the brief was given by the (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c) ? Also, according to (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(1)1.4(c) ? Also, how (b)(1)1.4(c) ' Very?

U (b)(3) is very aware of this situation and I want to paint as accurate of a picture as possible so we can capture the lessons learned and where we can move forward. The compounding issue here is (b)(3) turns into a pumpkin next week so I am up against a hard deadline.

Thanks,

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Date:

Sunday, June 17, 2018 9:02 PM

To:

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject:

RE: (S) Experience Levels?

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Sir

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(7)(E)

S

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(E)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(E)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(E)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(7)(E)

V/R

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 10:44 AM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ Experience Levels?

S Thanks (b)(3) I'll need to know how many people are on the team and answers to each of the questions below for each member.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

S From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:58 AM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ Experience Levels?

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~~PERMS: NONE~~

S (b)(1)1.7(e) (the team on shift for (b)(1)1.7(e) will be back on shift Sunday night. (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) will be able to get you an accurate answer.

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:55 AM

To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Subject: ~~(S)~~ Experience Levels?

Importance: High

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(7)(E)

(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(7)(E)

Thank you.

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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CAVEATS: ~~NOFORN~~

TERMS: NONE

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Date: Friday, June 15, 2018 11:29 AM
To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ Experience Levels?

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CAVEATS: ~~NOFORN~~
TERMS: NONE

S (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 11:04 AM
To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ Experience Levels?

S (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b) just asked me a question that I couldn't answer so hoping you can: Can you confirm that the (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) correct?

U If there is a difference in these capabilities, why?

Thanks (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6)

From: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 9:58 AM
To: (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
Subject: RE: ~~(S)~~ Experience Levels?

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~~CAVEATS: NOFORN~~
TERMS: NONE

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(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Subject: (S) Experience Levels?

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(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

S (b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(7)(E)

Thank you.

(b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(1)1.7(e), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(1)1.4(a), (b)(3) (10 U.S.C. § 130b), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)