MEMORANDUM MEMORIALIZING PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATION

FROM: General Michael T. Flynn, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

TO: General James N. Mattis, Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Presidential Authorization on Department of Defense Proposals Related to Yemen

PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATION

Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis, on behalf of the Department of Defense, proposed Presidential authorization on the following actions by the United States related to Yemen:

1. The United States provide U.S. military support to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for [REDACTED] to a UAE-led operation by Yemeni forces against al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in Shabwah, Yemen.

On Thursday, January 26, 2017, the President of the United States authorized the Department of Defense to provide U.S. military support to the UAE for [REDACTED] to a UAE-led operation by Yemeni forces against al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in Shabwah, Yemen. The President authorized the following aspects of this plan:

2. To conduct airstrikes against AQAP targets and designate [REDACTED] an "area of active hostilities." with zero expected civilian noncombatant deaths for each such strike;

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2.E.3.- (5) WILL MAINTAIN A NON-COMBATANT CASUALTY CUT-OFF VALUE STANDARD OF ZERO (I.E., ZERO EXPECTED CIVILIAN NONCOMBATANT DEATHS) FOR FIRES.

2.E.4.-(5) AN AREA OF ACTIVE HOSTILITIES (AAH) FOR THE PURPOSES OF REF E.

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PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL.
2.D. {S} PER REF D, THE POTUS HAS APPROVED REF B.
2.E. {S} CDRUSCENTCOM IS AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT THE UAE SHABWAH
OFFENSIVE AS DESCRIBED IN REF B.

2.E.3. {S} AN AREA OF ACTIVE
HOSTILITIES (AAH) FOR THE PURPOSES OF REF E.
2.E.4. {S} WILL MAINTAIN A NON-COMBATANT CASUALTY CUT-OFF
VALUE STANDARD OF ZERO (I.E., ZERO EXPECTED CIVILIAN NONCOMBATANT
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