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What if somebody is asked whether or not his actions manifest righteousness? Trojan Horse scenario put up James Olson in his book “Fair Play” explain the answer. The use of sensitive intelligence technology by CIA to sabotage computer into illegitimate MSS (Ministry of Security and State) technology acquisition channel. The reason behind this particular action of CIA determines the righteousness. The heist carried out by MSS to steal and acquire embargoed US technology through radar tracking. The action taken by CIA to sabotage the computer system is legitimate as long the CIA is aware that the radar system for stealing their technology is being used by Chinese military. If CIA is not sure about the end user i.e. whether it is Chinese military or civilian authority is using radar tracking system then the legitimacy of CIA’s action can be questioned. It is because sabotaging computer system can potentially be a reason for civilian catastrophe[[1]](#footnote-1).

What makes something right or wrong? The answer to this specific question is neither very straight nor very intricate. False Flag from the book Fair Play explain the answer. Ali Reza Rahami, who works for Ministry of defense has personally observed torture. The decision of CIA to recruit Rahami and penetrate to the Iranian Defense Ministry is a right decision. There isn’t any moral problem with the recruitment of Rahami owing to the consequences. Rahami obviously desires to do something against the brutalities and injustices committed by his own government. The consequences of the decision will reflect the morality or immorality of the decision taken by CIA[[2]](#footnote-2)

Can the question of morality be answered by single a single argument? That is not possible to answer the question of morality with single argument. In case of aforementioned False Flag scenario, the recruitment of Ali Reza Rahami pass the ethics tests as he and CIA would both help each other to without being coerced or blackmailed. At the same time, it fails the ethic test on the basis that using Amnesty International for false flag recruitment is clearly in violation with human rights[[3]](#footnote-3). Because no human rights organization can be used for espionage. Although recruiting false flag for espionage is justified but using human rights organization for such purpose is neither justified nor ethical.

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