Write an essay, 6 pages in length,\(^1\) answering one of the following two questions:

1. In Walzer’s *Just and Unjust Wars* and in lecture, two doctrines for mediating between the absolute sanctity of noncombatant immunity required by deontological theories of war and the “sliding scale” perspective of pure consequentialism were discussed. One of these is the doctrine of double effect. Consider Secretary of War Stimson’s justification for dropping the atomic bomb and Dueck’s alternatives. First, do you think that the decision satisfies any or all of the four double-effect conditions? If so, which ones? Second, do any of the alternatives (aside from negotiated peace) satisfy the doctrine? Finally, do you think that double effect is an appropriate means of evaluating the decision to drop the atomic bomb, or are different theories more applicable for this case?

2. In his book *Why Terrorism Works*, Alan Dershowitz makes two controversial points. First, torture is sometimes justifiable in “ticking time bomb terrorist” cases. Second, to assure accountability and prevent excesses, interrogators should have to obtain a “torture warrant” from a judge before proceeding with torturing a suspect. Civil libertarian Floyd Abrams has argued that while the first point may be correct, instituting a system of torture warrants would “dirty” the judicial system. Torture may be necessary, but it should remain in the shadows.

Assume for purposes of this essay that Dershowitz’s first point is correct. Assess the institution of the “torture warrant” in light of his argument and Abrams’ objection, and in light of the arguments of Machiavelli, Walzer, and others discussed in class. First, outline the causal mechanism that Dershowitz suggests by which the institution should reduce excesses. Does it seem plausible? Why or why not? Second, consider the benefits and costs of publicizing torture vs. keeping it in the shadows. Are there benefits or costs of this institution that Dershowitz has not considered?

**Both questions:** Be sure to address possible objections to your argument (competing obligations or competing ends).

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\(^1\) 12 point font, double-spaced, and with one-inch margins on all sides.