Unit 4 Assignment A

Write a 3 - 4 page paper that responds to the following scenario:

The illegal immigration issue is one of the most complex and emotionally-charged social justice issues facing the United States. Most people you know have an opinion on the topic ranging in scope and substance.

In your capacity as a criminologist, you have been asked by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to perform a study on illegal immigrants.

INS wants you to provide ideas as to the manner in which a researcher could conduct a valid study in the United States related to immigrants’ fear of crime and lack of confidence in their local police department.

The issue at hand is to develop a study that would have a valid sample size. You are to offer an opinion as to the particulars of the potential study. Your paper should:

1. Identify probability and non-probability sampling designs, providing examples for each;
2. Analyze these methods, distinguishing which approach (or approaches) and design (or designs) would be appropriate for this particular study;
3. Develop a sampling strategy, discussing where to conduct the study to maximize the chances of obtaining a representative sample of illegal immigrants; and,
4. Discuss how the sample would be selected to ensure enough participants to produce reliable data.

They have asked that you read Chapter 7 from Voices from the Field, pages 141 - 159 in order to better understand the attempts made by others in studying this particular issue. The objective here is not to try to replicate (or summarize) Vander Ven’s study, but to learn from his approach and apply some of his methods to the INS research on illegal immigrants. His study highlights some of the difficulties in gaining access to particular populations, and your response to INS should include a discussion of the best sampling strategy to sample a sufficiently large number of illegal immigrants. Support your arguments with references to the Vander Ven study, your textbook, and outside resources.

Your report to the INS should be doubled-spaced, 12 inch font, and 3 - 4 pages in length. Be sure to use formal writing style and content for the paper, and cite all references using APA format.
You may consult the Kaplan Online Library, the internet, the textbook, other course material, and any other outside resources in supporting your task, using proper citations in APA style.

**Directions for Submitting Your Assignment**

Write your essay in a Word document and save it in a location and with the name *Application Exercise 4*. Be sure to include your name, class, and section number in your essay. Submit your assignment by selecting the *Unit 4: Assignment A in the Dropbox*. 