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WHY NO ALERT FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER?

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Where was the alert about a shooter on the loose — armed, dangerous, a killer? Sounding an alarm for all to hear is basic, common sense, a must do. So who blew the basics and why? And what will be done about it? The old days of going silent about State College horrors are gone. That was then, this is now. So to all involved: Explain! We have a right to know.

I almost always vote Democrat but my allegiance is to the United States of America so I started wondering whether Nancy Pelosi and the Democratic-controlled House are being unreasonable in standing firm against Trump's wall. Then I remembered the admonishment attributed to pioneering TV detective, Joe Friday: "Just the facts, ma'am." Well, the facts are on Pelosi's side.

According to the Pew Research Center, the best numbers available, about half of the people in this country illegally entered with valid visas and have over-stayed them. Tourists, students, business and work visas. These are the best numbers available because DHS doesn't have the ability to get a handle on the size of the problem. Why not throw a few billion at that "crisis"?

For crime, the far-from-liberal CATO Institute reports a Texas the criminal conviction rate per 1,000 US-born citizens at more than twice the rate for the undocumented. Could the reason be that Texas courts are soft on illegals? Yeah, sure. In addition, a study in the academic journal, "Criminology," found crime rates go down as the concentration of illegal immigrants goes up. So much for the crime scare reason. So maybe the concern should be the 10-year-long decline in the number of illegal immigrants crossing the Mexico/US border.

For the record, TV's Sgt. Joe Friday never said "Just the facts". But he did occasionally say, "all we need are the facts" and sometimes, "all we know are the facts". Wouldn't he go crazy investigating the White House!