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Quan's remark came as he described the Army as the only political party in Guatemala, a party which kills the people and is funded by the American taxpayer. "Every four years we select a president. Every four years we have to select one general out of three generals. So the only political party, and the only organized party in my country, is the army. And that party is getting money that you guys sweat in here."

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