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I appreciate Chairman Rangel's frankness and honesty. If you are going to spend the taxpayers money in such a reckless and abusive way, the least you can do is level with the people about it. I guess Nancy Pelosi didn't get the memo.

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