



The United States is threatening nations who oppose Monsanto's genetically modified (GM) crops with

military-style trade wars

, according to information obtained and released by the organization WikiLeaks.

The information reveals just how deep Monsanto's roots have penetrated key positions within the United States government, with the cables **reporting that many U.S. diplomats work directly for Monsanto**

The WikiLeaks [cable reveals](#) that in late 2007, the United States ambassador to France and business partner to George W. Bush, Craig Stapleton, requested that the European Union along with particular nations that did not support [GMO](#) crops be penalized. Stapleton, who co-owned the Dallas/Fort Worth-based Texas Rangers baseball team with Bush in the 1990s, stated:

Country team Paris recommends that we calibrate a target retaliation list that causes some pain across the EU since this is a collective responsibility, but that also focuses in part on the worst culprits. The list should be measured rather than vicious and must be sustainable over the long term, since we should not expect an early victory. Moving to retaliation will make clear that the current path has real costs to EU interests and could help strengthen European pro-biotech voices. [More...](#)