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Elon Musk's role as Trump's adviser clarified



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WASHINGTON—The White House clarified on Monday that billionaire Elon Musk is not the administrator of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), as previously suggested, but rather a senior adviser to President Donald Trump. This clarification comes amid growing legal challenges concerning Musk's influence over federal agencies.

The clarification is significant in the ongoing lawsuit filed by several Democratic states, which argue that Musk holds excessive, unelected power over government systems. These states have questioned Musk's involvement in sweeping reforms, including laying off federal workers and accessing sensitive government data.

The Trump administration contends that Musk, while playing an advisory role, does not hold the authority to make independent government decisions. Joshua Fisher, Director of the White House Office of Administration, emphasized in court filings that Musk's position does not involve day-to-day management of DOGE operations, countering claims of "unchecked power."

Meanwhile, the DOGE team has been touring various federal agencies to identify inefficiencies, including fraud and waste. As lawsuits continue to mount, some critics remain concerned about the potential for unauthorized access to government systems.

During a court hearing on Monday, U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan expressed skepticism

regarding the assertion that Musk lacks formal authority to make government decisions, a key point in the legal debate over his influence.

The outcome of this legal battle could shape the future of Musk's role in the Trump administration and influence the implementation of government efficiency reforms.