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Pentagon, Musk dismiss reports on secret China war briefing



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Washington—The U.S. Department of Defense and tech billionaire Elon Musk have strongly denied reports suggesting that the Pentagon arranged a top-secret briefing for Musk regarding potential war plans with China. The claims, initially published by The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, have been refuted by multiple officials.

Pentagon Chief Spokesman Sean Parnell called the reports “completely fake” and “egregiously false,” emphasizing that Musk’s scheduled visit to the Pentagon was for discussions on innovation and production efficiencies, not military strategies against China. Former U.S. President Donald Trump also dismissed the allegations, stating that China would not be a subject of the meeting.

Elon Musk himself responded to the reports, calling them “false information” and urging the prosecution of those responsible for leaking misleading details. The New York Post also cited Pentagon sources confirming that no classified military strategies related to China were to be shared with Musk.

The controversy arose amid increasing tensions between the U.S. and China, particularly concerning Taiwan and military advancements in the Indo-Pacific region. However, officials reiterated that the Pentagon’s discussions with Musk were centered on technological advancements rather than geopolitical conflicts.

Analysts note that Musk's involvement in defense-related projects, including SpaceX and Starlink, has led to speculation about his role in national security discussions. Nevertheless, U.S. defense officials maintain that no sensitive war plans were part of his upcoming Pentagon engagement.

As the story unfolds, global media agencies continue to seek clarity on the matter, with the Pentagon reaffirming its commitment to transparency and responsible reporting.