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Mother Told Kennedy Still Will Not Run

BOSTON, Jan. 5
(UPI)—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) sought to console his mother by long-distance Sunday night by reiterating his insistence that he will not seek the presidency in 1976.

At a news conference, he was told that Rose Kennedy was quoted in the National Enquirer as saying "pressures" may force him to disregard her wishes, and his explicit promise to her, and run for President this year.

According to the Enquirer, she said, "I feel Teddy may be pressured into running for President this year. I don't want him to, but the pressures may force him."

But Kennedy disputed his 85-year-old mother's assessment. "Nothing is going to change my earlier statement or position" about not running for president, he said. Kennedy has stated he will seek re-election to his Senate seat.