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NEW YORK AP - CBS News said Monday night Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., has an understanding with Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., to help push him over the top to the Democratic party's presidential nomination.

Correspondent Daniel Schorr said that under the understanding Kennedy will encourage speculation that he might accept the vice presidential nomination if McGovern leads the ticket. However, he said, Kennedy has no intention of running for the second spot and, under the arrangement, McGovern will not press him to do so.

Kennedy appeared on the "Today" show here Monday. When asked if he would accept the vice presidential nomination if he felt his presence on the ticket were needed for victory he said he would "give that heavy consideration."

He quickly added he was not interested in running for president and could not foresee any circumstances that would cause him to consider the vice presidency.

"I'm not interested," he emphasized at the conclusion of the television interview.

Schorr said Kennedy had not intended to go so far in boosting McGovern, but changed his mind last week when Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Me., declined to endorse McGovern and when Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., in an apparent stop McGovern move, started talking up a Kennedy-Mills slate.

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