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Kennedy Emphatic, Will Not Enter Race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said today "there are no circumstances under which I would accept a nomination for any national office this year."

Kennedy's statement appeared to go beyond any he has made to quash continuing speculation that he might accept the Democratic presidential or vice presidential nomination at the party's Miami Beach convention next month.

An aide said his statement was prompted by a story in the New York Times today that Matt Troy, a Queens Democratic leader, would undertake a move to draft Kennedy for the vice presidential nomination.

Here is Kennedy's statement:

"Because of a story which appeared in the New York Times this morning and in order to prevent any further speculation on the part of the press or any doubt in the minds of the delegates to the Democratic National Convention or the public, I wish to repeat and state, as finally as I can, that there are no circumstances under which I would accept a nomination for any national office this year."

In New York, Troy, one of the origi-

nal McGovern backers here, called today for a "legitimate full-blown" nationwide draft of Kennedy for the vice presidential nomination.

Troy, a city councilman with a long standing friendship with Kennedy family members, said he submitted a formal statement calling for the draft movement to the Massachusetts senator for his approval or disapproval.

Troy canceled a City Hall news conference today to give the senator time to study the statement.

At a news conference earlier, Sen. George McGovern said his staff had been told of Troy's intention, but added he would make no decision about a running mate before the convention.

Troy said he spoke to Kennedy by telephone in Washington and said the senator indicated very strongly that he wanted to see the statement.

Troy said that he believed that Kennedy's reaction to the draft statement would be in "the gray area, rather than a black and white answer."

Apprised later of Kennedy's statement, Troy said he would not push for a draft.

"I won't go against his wishes," Troy said.