

Kennedy Says He's Thinking About '76

Washington

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) said yesterday he would like to be president and is giving some consideration to running in 1976.

He said that by late next

year, and possibly earlier, "I'll make a definitive kind of a decision about my plans."

Kennedy, one of whose brothers was assassinated while President and another while running for President, said members of his family

will not have a veto over his decision.

Kennedy was interviewed on "Washington Straight Talk," a national public affairs broadcasting program, by Paul Duke.

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Kennedy Voices Doubt On '76 Presidential Bid

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UPI) — Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, said Monday that "deep down" he would like to be President, but if he had to make a final decision now he would not run.

Mr. Kennedy said he would make his decision "sometime by late '75, possibly earlier" and added, "I think I have that degree of time in order to make any kind of a decision on it."

Mr. Kennedy, the constant front-runner among potential candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination, was asked on the public broadcasting program "Washington Straight Talk" which way he was leaning at the moment.

"No, if I was asked today, I'd just run for re-election to the Senate," Mr. Kennedy said.