



Senator Kennedy and supporters — from left, Kara, 10, Edward M. Jr., 8, Patrick, 2½, and wife Joan

Formal Word

Kennedy to Run --For Re-election

Boston

U.S. Senate Democratic whip Edward M. Kennedy formally announced his candidacy for re-election yesterday with a pledge to serve the full six years.

He said he will not be a presidential candidate in 1972.

Speaking to newsmen in his Beacon Hill apartment with his wife and three children at his side, Kennedy ruled out a 1972 presidential bid "for personal reasons, among others." But he sidestepped a question about his presidential plans for 1976.

His announcement came only a day before the Demo-

cratic State convention is to meet in Amherst to endorse a slate of candidates for the November election and almost 11 months after his political future was threatened by an automobile accident in which Mary Jo Kopechne, a campaign worker for the Senator's late brother Robert, was killed.

Asked if he would consider running for President in 1976, the 38-year-old Democrat scanned his family and said: "If there's something our running for President in 1976, years, it is not to make long-term plans."

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