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**SHE KNEW IT ALL THE TIME:** Mrs. John F. Kennedy with her husband yesterday after Massachusetts Democrat announced he was candidate for Presidential nomination.

## The Kennedy Statement

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—Following is the text of Senator John F. Kennedy's statement announcing his candidacy for the 1960 Democratic Presidential nomination:

I am announcing today my candidacy for the Presidency of the United States.

The Presidency is the most powerful office in the free world. Through its leadership can come a more vital life for our people. In it are centered the hopes of the globe around us for freedom and a more secure life. For it is in the Executive Branch that the most crucial decisions of this century must be made in the next four years:

How to end or alter the burdensome arms race, where Soviet gains already threaten our very existence.

How to maintain freedom and order in the newly emerging nations.

How to rebuild the stature of American science and education.

How to prevent the collapse of our farm economy and the decay of our cities.

How to achieve, without further inflation or unemployment, expanded economic growth benefiting all Americans.

And how to give direction to our traditional moral purpose, awakening every American to the dangers and opportunities that confront us.

These are among the real issues of 1960. And it is on the basis of these issues that the American people must make their fateful choice for their future.

In the past forty months,

I have toured every state in the Union and I have talked to Democrats in all walks of life. My candidacy is therefore based on the conviction that I can win both the nomination and the election.

I believe that any Democratic aspirant to this important nomination should be willing to submit to the voters his views, record and competence in a series of primary contests. I am therefore announcing my intention of filing in the New Hampshire primary and I shall announce my plans with respect to the other primaries as their filing dates approach.

I believe that the Democratic party has a historic function to perform in the winning of the 1960 election, comparable to its role in 1932. I intend to do my utmost to see that that victory is won.

For eighteen years I have been in the service of the United States, first as a naval officer in the Pacific during World War II and for the past fourteen years as a member of the Congress. In the last twenty years, I have traveled in nearly every continent and country—from Leningrad to Saigon, from Bucharest to Lima. From all of this, I have developed an image of America as fulfilling a noble and historic role as the defender of freedom in a time of maximum peril—and of the American people as confident, courageous and persevering.

It is with this image that I begin this campaign.

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