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Former presidential candidate Mitt Romney predicted Thursday that Gov. Bobby Jindal will consider a 2012 run for the White House if John McCain loses on Nov. 4.

"Bobby Jindal will certainly be taking a look at it," Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, said on WWL-Radio.

Jindal denied Thursday afternoon that he is mounting a presidential campaign despite multiple fundraising trips outside the state and an upcoming visit to Iowa.

"I am not running for the White House in 2012," Jindal said.

He said he plans to run for re-election for governor in 2011. It is not his "intent" to run for the White House in 2016, he said.

Jindal said his goal is to serve two terms as governor and then leave public office to focus on his family.

"I don't have any intent of running for any other office. I'd like to ideally go back to the private sector," Jindal said.

Before landing a job with former Gov. Mike Foster, Jindal briefly worked for McKinsey and Co., a consulting firm based in Washington, D.C.

Jindal said he wants his three young children to grow up in Louisiana.

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Jindal and Romney attended a Memorial Day weekend barbecue at McCain's Arizona ranch.

Jindal said he has not spoken to Romney since the May barbecue.

Romney was in New Orleans to raise money for state Sen. Bill Cassidy, who is running for Congress against U.S. Rep. Don Cazayoux, D-New Roads, and state Rep. Michael Jackson, No Party, Baton Rouge.

Romney, who sought the Republican presidential nomination earlier this year, said he will not be on the 2012 ballot.

"I think it's unlikely that I'll be running again," Romney said.

Romney compared a run for the White House to a window opening offering the right timing and the right opportunity.

Like Romney, Jindal is on the fundraising trail.

The governor will be in Washington, D.C., today to raise money for his campaign. On Saturday, he will attend a fundraiser in Greenwich, Conn.

In recent weeks, Jindal has traveled to Missouri, Mississippi, Florida and Texas to raise money for others or for himself.

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