

Psychiatric Tests

For Political Burglar

Jerry Ducote, confessed political burglar, was ordered by a San Jose Superior Court judge yesterday to undergo a 90-day psychiatric evaluation at Vacaville Medical Facility.

The 47-year-old ex-Santa Clara county sheriff's deputy, who admitted stealing documents from 17 left-wing organizations during the 1960s, will be sentenced by Judge James Duvaras Jr. after the tests are completed.

Ducote earlier pleaded guilty to seven felony counts arising from his espionage activities, which he claimed were instigated by the FBI, prominent growers and various right-wing politicians in a futile attempt to smear farm labor leader Cesar Chavez as a Communist.

The guilty pleas were to charges of concealing the stolen documents that were later found in the garage of his San Jose home.

Ducote, still insisting that he's the fall guy, faces a maximum sentence of ten years on each of seven counts.