

Magruder's Trip To Europe Approved

Confessed Watergate conspirator Jeb Stuart Magruder yesterday was authorized to make a 17-day trip to Europe with his wife on condition that he post a \$5,000 surety bond.

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica ordered the temporary return of Magruder's passport after a brief hearing at the U.S. courthouse here. The passport has been in the court's custody since Magruder pleaded guilty Aug. 16 to helping plant the Watergate bugging of Democratic National Committee headquarters and then conspiring in the subsequent cover-up.

Judge Sirica did not ask what countries Magruder plans to visit on the Oct. 6 to 23 trip and Magruder's attorney, James Sharp, refused to answer reporters' queries on the point. The itinerary, however, reportedly includes a trip to Greece.

Judge Sirica noted that he

previously had denied Watergate conspirator James McCord's request to go to England for a BBC television interview, but Sharp said Magruder, who is working as a management consultant had no intention of generating any publicity on the combined "business and pleasure" trip.

In another court pleading yesterday, four of the Watergate burglars, Bernard R. Barker, Eugenio R. Martinez, Frank A. Sturgis and Virgilio R. Gonzalez asked to be released from prison while their motions to set aside their guilty pleas are being decided.

Their attorney, Daniel E. Schultz, said the four have been incarcerated for at least 10 months under provisional sentences imposed by Sirica while McCord remains free on bond. Judge Sirica said he would wait for a response from Cox's office before taking any action on Schultz's motion.