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1. The region of the Yugoslav-Rumanian border (called Frontier Zone No 2) was declared a frontier zone after Tito's break with the Cominform. The Danube shore in the border area between the two countries was then made off limits to the civilian population for over a distance of 30 to 40 m from the water's edge. This border area was well guarded by frontier troops and militia, [] watch towers and searchlights were probably installed. [] sections of this border area were covered with land mines, and that people trying to escape were using dogs for that reason. The dog would proceed and trip any mines in the escapee's path.

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2. All vessels were forbidden to land at any other place than the designated harbor area. [] tug was not permitted to come close to the Rumanian shore by the frontier trooper on duty. []

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3. No one from another locality can travel in the frontier zone in Rumania without a special travel authorization. In the towns of Turnu-Severin, Orsova and Moldova Veche no one, including crew members and masters of vessels, can enter the harbor area between 2200 to 0500 hours. Exception was made for the Soviets. []

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[redacted] A drunken Soviet merchant marine officer in civilian clothes entered the area [redacted]. He was saluted by the soldier and was allowed to enter the area without producing his identity papers. When [redacted] asked the soldier why the Soviet had been permitted to enter, he answered, "He is all right".

4. [redacted] Turnu-Severin, [redacted] any frontier trooper who caught or shot a fugitive would be promoted and given a month's furlough. If the fugitive was an important person, or was wanted by the security police, the guard would be promoted to commissioned officer's grade.

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