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HOLZER, JENNY 1950 GALLIPOLIS, OH/USA

Title: Water board 00000090. Date: 2012. Technique: Handmade paper sheet, 2-layers couched, with stencil-reservage-technique. 90 x 68,5cm. Notation: Signed (verso). Publisher: Griffelkunst-Vereinigung Hamburg e.V. (publisher).

Condition: Minimal crease in the upper left corner. Otherwise in very good condition.

Each verso with typographic details on the work and publisher. The artist condemns a scandal here, which became public by means of media reports, that American soldiers applied waterboarding, the internationally prohibited torture method, during the during the Gulf war. For her works Jenny Holzer used the published magnified original documents of the CIA, in which the torture method is documented. Holzer blackened the text blocks except for key words. The work was manufactured in a highly laborious manner because each motif was handmade of two different kinds of paper. Even the writing is not printed but moulded by hand. Thus each work is unique.

Literature:

- Rüggeberg, Harald (ed.): Griffelkunst - Verzeichnis der Editionen (2010-2020), volume IV, Hamburg 2011, no. 345/346 P7.

Estimate: 500 € - 700 €; Hammer: 500 €