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1974-5: Portrait of Gusty Spence painted in Long Kesh by George Morrow

Acrylic on board portrait of Spence in uniform painted by self taught and well respected artist George Morrow. Signed lower right "Long Kesh" 24 x 18in. (60.96 x 45.72cm)
€400-€600 (£333-£500 approx)

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1975 (12 July) Gusty Spence Long Kesh visitors permit issued to Merlyn Rees

Maze Prison visitors card issued to Merlyn Rees while serving as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland at his address at Stormont allowing him along with Stanley Orme, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, and Donald Concannon, Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to visit Gusty Spence. A scarce and interesting piece of ephemera relating to what must have been a most intriguing meeting. 4 x 6in. (10.16 x 15.24cm)
€100-€150 (£83-£125 approx)

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1976: 'Gusty' Spence Long Kesh Irish language book

An Sloinnteor Gaeilge agus an tAinmneoir by Muiris Ó Droighneáin, 80pp, 2nd edition. With notation on title page "A.A. Spence L/K 1976" Book with translations of names and surnames from Irish to English and English to Irish. An interesting insight into the literature that Gusty had whilst in Long Kesh. Spence and some other Loyalist prisoners attended Irish language courses, including some taught by Frank McArt, (Proinsias MacAirt) well known IRA man, and were proud of their Fáinne Nua badges. Naturally Spence was particularly interested in the Ulster dialect. 7 x 5in. (17.78 x 12.70cm)
€100-€150 (£83-£125 approx)

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1980-1982: Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich cards to Gusty Spence with Maze censor stamps

Two Archdiocese of Armagh Christmas cards sent from Tomás Ó Fiaich to Gusty Spence. One with signed and with a note in the hand of Ó Fiaich "... hoping it will be your last one away from home" Both with Maze Prison censor markings.
€150-€250 (£125-£208 approx)

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1980 (December) Card from Cardinal Ó Fiaich to Spence after the disclosure of their meetings and correspondence

Diocese of Armagh Christmas card signed and with manuscript note by Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich relating to the fact that he had disclosed the details of their correspondence and discussions to an RTÉ radio interviewer who "had got the wind of our meeting...". The details of Ó Finish's interview was published in a number of newspapers on 22 December 1980 including, The Irish Times and Irish Press
4.25 x 6in. (10.80 x 15.24cm)
€150-€250 (£125-£208 approx)

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1994 (13 October) Combined Loyalist Military Command ceasefire statement signed by 'Gusty' Spence

An important piece of historical ephemera. The printed statement read by Spence in October 1994 at Fernhill House announcing the cessation of hostilities by the Combined Loyalist Military Command (Ulster Defence Association, Ulster Volunteer Force and Red Hand Commandos) from midnight 13 October 1994. Possibly the most famous section of this speech is the compassionate apology which Spence extended "In all sincerity, we offer to the loved ones of all innocent victims over the past twenty five years, abject and true remorse. No amount of our words will compensate for the intolerable suffering they have undergone during conflict." Signed below "Augustus Andrew Spence". A pivotal moment in the peace process. 12 x 8.50in. (30.48 x 21.59cm)
€800-€1,000 (£667-£833 approx)

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1994: Gusty Spence American visit collection including passport, visa, letters etc.

Collection of items relating to the 1994 visit of Spence to the United States of America. Including 1985 British Passport joint passport of Spence and his wife Louie complete with United States visa noting that Spence is "not to engage in direct or indirect fundraising". Also with photographs of the visit, letters from Jerry Dunfey, President of the New England Circle, William J. Flynn of New York stating that Spence "played a key role in the peace process... I am proud to call you a friend" and John Fitzpatrick, Senior Vice President of Fitzpatrick Hotels. A historically interesting collection of items relating to an important period in the peace process and at the time of the declaration of a loyalist ceasefire'.
€200-€300 (£167-£250 approx)

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1996 (19 February) John Major letter to Gusty Spence written ten days after Canary Wharf bombing "...I shall stand firm for the Union"

Signed letter sent to Spence by John Major on Downing Street headed paper and marked "In confidence". Sent just ten days after the 1996 Docklands bombing carried out by the Provisional Irish Republican Army. Its contents thanks Spence and the Progressive Unionist Party for their maturity and restraint and that "...despite the provocation of the bombings in the capital, I shall stand firm for the Union and shall not succumb to pressure from whatever source, of that, you can be assured..." 12 x 8.25in. (30.48 x 20.96cm)
€200-€300 (£167-£250 approx)

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1996 (6 January) General John de Chastelain letter to Gusty Spence

Signed letter sent by General de Chastelain to Spence, thanking his for a Christmas card and stating "let me wish you and your colleagues in the PUP much success in the coming year as you continue your invaluable work to maintain the peace... I have enjoyed working with you and your colleagues... and look forward to continuing that work". A unique piece of correspondence between two of the most important figures in the peace process. 11 x 8.25in. (27.94 x 20.96cm)
€100-€150 (£83-£125 approx)

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1998: Good Friday Agreement cover sheet with signatures of all present at the talks

Large single page sheet with Royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom and "The Belfast Agreement: An Agreement Reached at the Multi-Party Talks on Northern Ireland". With the signatures of all those present at the talks including Tony Blair, Mo Mowlam, Bertie Ahern, John Hume, Gerry Adams, David Trimble, Martin McGuinness, Seamus Mallon, David Ervine, George J. Mitchell, Brid Rodgers, Mitchel McLaughlin, Gusty Spence, Liz O'Donnell, Winston Churchill Rea, David Andrews, Billy Hutchinson, Joe Hendron, Monica McWilliams etc. A truly remarkable document, probably unique, which Spence, understanding the momentous importance of the occasion, had the foresight to collect. 16.50 x 12in. (41.91 x 30.48cm)
€3,000-€5,000 (£2,500-£4,167 approx)

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2000: 'Gusty' Spence original artwork calendar for UVF and RHC Old Comrades Association

"The Millennium Calendar" designed and produced by Spence for the UVF and Red Hand Commando Old Comrades Association. Comprising of complete set of proofs and finished printed calendars. Six complete calendars and set of proofs 12 x 9in. (30.48 x 22.86cm)
€100-€150 (£83-£125 approx)