September 28, 2005

Mail Stop 4561 E. Stanley O`Neal Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Merrill Lynch and Co., Inc. 4 World Financial Center New York, NY 10080

Re: Merrill Lynch and Co., Inc. Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2004 File No. 1-7182

Dear Mr. O`Neal:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Donald Walker Senior Assistant Chief Accountant