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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

Asarco, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

04341310

(CUSIP NUMBER)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP NO. 04341310 13G

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* Joint Filing

(a)
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NONE

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,243,670

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,243,670

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,243,670

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.2%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILING OUT!

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CUSIP NO. 04341310 13G

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Merrill Lynch Group, Inc.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* Joint Filing

(a) []

(b) []

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NONE

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,234,975

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,234,975

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,234,975

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.2%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Princeton Services, Inc.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* Joint Filing

(a) []
(b) []

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NONE

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,213,096

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,213,096

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,213,096

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.2%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

HC, CO

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SCHEDULE 13G

ITEM 1 (a) Name of Issuer:

Asarco, Inc.

ITEM 1 (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

180 Maiden Lane
New York, New York 10038

ITEM 2 (a) Name of Persons Filing:

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
Merrill Lynch Group, Inc..
Princeton Services, Inc.

ITEM 2 (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

World Financial Center, North Tower
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281

Merrill Lynch Group, Inc.
World Financial Center, North Tower
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281

Princeton Services, Inc.
800 Scudders Mill Road
Plainsboro, New Jersey 08536

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ITEM 2 (c) Citizenship:

See Item 4 of Cover Pages

ITEM 2 (d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

ITEM 2 (e) CUSIP NUMBER:

04341310

ITEM 3

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co."), Merrill Lynch Group, Inc. ("ML Group") and Princeton Services, Inc. ("PSI") are parent holding companies, in accordance with (S) 240.13d-1(b) (ii) (G).

ITEM 4 Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

See Item 9 of Cover Pages. Pursuant to (S) 240.13d-4, ML&Co., ML Group, and PSI (the "Reporting Persons") disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities of Total Petroleum (North America) Ltd. (the "Company") referred to herein, and the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of any securities of the Company covered by this statement, other than in the case of ML&Co. and MLPF&S, securities of the Company held by MLPF&S in proprietary accounts.

(b) Percent of Class:

See Item 11 of Cover Pages

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Item 5 of Cover Pages

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Item 6 of the Cover Pages

(iii) sole power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of:

See Item 7 of Cover Pages

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(iv) share power to dispose of or direct the disposition of:

See Item 8 of Cover Pages

ITEM 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not Applicable

ITEM 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

PSI acts as the general partner of Merrill Lynch Asset Management, L.P. (d/b/a) Merrill Lynch Asset Management ("MLAM") and Fund Asset Management, L.P. (d/b/a) Fund Asset Management ("FAM"), each of which are investment advisers registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and acts as an investment adviser to investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. With respect to securities held by those investment companies, several persons have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities. No other person has an interest that relates to more than 5% of the class of securities reported herein.

ITEM 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which

Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

See Exhibit A

ITEM 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable

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ITEM 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable

ITEM 10 Certification

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Signature.
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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 13, 1996

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

/s/ Richard B. Alsop

Name: Richard B. Alsop
Title: Attorney-In-Fact*

Merrill Lynch Group, Inc.

/s/ Richard B. Alsop

Name: Richard B. Alsop
Title: Attorney-In-Fact**

Princeton Services, Inc.

/s/ Richard B. Alsop

Name: Richard B. Alsop
Title: Attorney-In-Fact***

* Signed pursuant to a power of attorney, dated November 17, 1995, included as Exhibit B to this Schedule 13G.

** Signed pursuant to a power of attorney, dated November 17, 1995, included as Exhibit C to this Schedule 13G.

*** Signed pursuant to a power of attorney, dated November 30, 1995, included as Exhibit D to this Schedule 13G.

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EXHIBIT A TO SCHEDULE 13G

ITEM 7 DISCLOSURE RESPECTING SUBSIDIARIES

Three of the persons filing this report, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at World Financial Center, North Tower, 250 Vesey Street, New York, New York ("ML&Co."), Merrill Lynch Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at World Financial Center, North Tower, 250 Vesey Street, New York, New York ("ML Group"), and Princeton Services, Inc. a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey, ("PSI") are parent holding companies pursuant to (S)240 13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (G). The relevant subsidiaries of Merrill Lynch & Co. are Merrill Lynch Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc. (MLPF&S), Merrill Lynch Canada, ML Group and PSI, which is the general partner of Merrill Lynch Asset Management, L.P. (d/b/a Merrill Lynch Asset Management ("MLAM") and Fund Asset Management, L.P. (d/b/a Fund Asset Management ("FAM")). The relevant subsidiary of Merrill Lynch Group is PSI.

ML&Co. may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of common stock of Asarco, Inc. (the "Company") held by its wholly-owned subsidiaries ML Group and MLPF&S.

MLPF&S, a broker-dealer and wholly-owned subsidiary of ML&Co. holds certain of the reported securities in proprietary trading accounts and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities of the company held in customer accounts over which MLPF&S has discretionary power or held by unit investment trusts for which MLPF&S is the sponsor.

Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. (MLC) is incorporated under the laws of the province of Nova Scotia and has its head office located in Toronto. It is an investment dealer in Canada and is regulated under the laws of the Canadian provinces by securities authorities and by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada. MLC is wholly owned by ML&Co. through intermediate holding companies including MLPF&S. The staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission has granted no-action relief by letter dated November 24, 1993 recognizing that foreign subsidiaries, including MLC (and the intermediate holding companies), which would qualify as an institutional investor within the meaning of Rule 13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (A)-(G) if in the US, and which satisfy the criteria of sub-section (i) of the Rule and the representations of ML&Co. in its request dated October 25, 1993, would qualify to use Schedule 13G. MLC may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of certain securities reported herein.

ML Group, a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of ML&Co., may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 5.2% of the common stock of the Company by virtue of its control of its wholly-owned subsidiary, PSI.

PSI, a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of ML Group, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 5.2% of the common stock of the Company by virtue of its being the general partner of MLAM and FAM.

MLAM, a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business at 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey, is an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. MLAM may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of less than 5% of the common stock of the Company by virtue of its acting as investment adviser to several investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

FAM, a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business at 800 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey, is an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. FAM may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of less than 5% of the common stock of the Company by virtue of its acting as investment adviser to several investment

companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Pursuant to (S)240.13d-4, ML & Co., MLPF&S, ML Group, PSI, MLAM and FAM disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities of the Company, and the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that any such entity is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of any securities of the Company, other than, in the case of ML&Co. and MLPF&S, securities of the Company held by MLPF&S in proprietary trading accounts.

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EXHIBIT B

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Corporation"), a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at World Financial Center, North Tower, New York, New York, 10281, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Richard B. Alsop, Richard D. Kreuder, Andrea Lowenthal, Gregory T. Russo, or any other individual from time to time elected or appointed as Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, acting severally, each of whose address is Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., World Financial Center, North Tower, New York, New York 10281, as its true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, for it and in its name, place and stead (i) to execute on behalf of the Corporation and cause to be filed and/or delivered, as required under Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the regulations thereunder, any number, as appropriate, of original, copies, or electronic filings of the Securities and Exchange Commission Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G Beneficial Ownership Reports (together with any amendments and joint filing agreements under Rule 13d-1(f)(1) of the Act, as may be required thereto) to be filed and/or delivered with respect to any equity security (as defined in Rule 13d-1(d) under the Act) beneficially owned by the undersigned and which must be reported by the undersigned pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Act and the regulations thereunder, (ii) to execute on behalf of the Corporation and cause to be filed and/or delivered, any number,