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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2006 Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) 13-2740599 1-7182 Delaware (State or Other (Commission (I.R.S. Employer Jurisdiction of File Number) Identification No.) Incorporation) 4 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10080 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 449-1000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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NEW YORK, Feb. 1 — Robert J. McCann, Executive Vice President of Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. and vice chairman and president of Merrill Lynch's Global Private Client Group, is scheduled to present at the 2006 Credit Suisse Financial Services Conference in Miami on Wednesday, February 8 at 8:00 a.m. (ET).

Mr. McCann's remarks will be available via a live audio webcast at Merrill Lynch's Investor Relations website, www.ir.ml.com. On-demand webcast replay of the presentation will be available shortly thereafter at the same web address.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Judith A. Witterschein

Judith A. Witterschein Corporate Secretary

Date: February 1, 2006