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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Responses)                                                                |                                                                |            | n                                                                                |        |                                      |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                    |                                                           |   |  |
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| 1. Name and Address of Ro<br>DOLL ROBERT C JI                                            | 2. Issuer Name an<br>MERRILL LY                                |            |                                                                                  | 0.     |                                      | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                    |                                                           |   |  |
| (Last) (<br>MERRILL LYNCH &<br>FINANCIAL CENTE                                           | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/31/2004 |            |                                                                                  |        |                                      |                                                                                                  | XOfficer (give title below)         Other (specify below)           Senior Vice President                                                           |                                                                                    |                                                           |   |  |
| ()<br>NEW YORK, NY 10                                                                    | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)           |            |                                                                                  |        |                                      |                                                                                                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                                                    |                                                           |   |  |
| (City) (                                                                                 | (State)                                                        | (Zip)      | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |        |                                      |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                    |                                                           |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security     2. Transaction       (Instr. 3)     Date       (Month/Day/Year) |                                                                |            |                                                                                  |        | 4. Securi<br>(A) or Di<br>(Instr. 3, | isposed                                                                                          | of (D)                                                                                                                                              | 5. Amount of Securities<br>Beneficially Owned Following<br>Reported Transaction(s) | 6. 7. Nature<br>Ownership of Indirect<br>Form: Beneficial |   |  |
| (Month/Day/Yea                                                                           | (Month/Day/Year)                                               | Code       | v                                                                                | Amount | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                     | Price                                                                                            | (Instr. 3 and 4)                                                                                                                                    | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4)                                     | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                                   |   |  |
| Common Stock                                                                             |                                                                | 01/31/2004 |                                                                                  | F      |                                      | 10,421                                                                                           | D                                                                                                                                                   | \$<br>58.66                                                                        | 377,760                                                   | D |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

|             | (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                  |                    |            |    |           |         |                |            |        |         |             |                |             |             |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|----|-----------|---------|----------------|------------|--------|---------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Title of | 2.                                                             | 3. Transaction   | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         |    | 5.        |         | 6. Date Exer   | cisable    | 7. Tit | le and  | 8. Price of | 9. Number of   | 10.         | 11. Nature  |
| Derivative  | Conversion                                                     | Date             | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on | Numl      | ber     | and Expiration | on Date    | Amo    | unt of  | Derivative  | Derivative     | Ownership   | of Indirect |
| Security    | or Exercise                                                    | (Month/Day/Year) | any                | Code       |    | of        |         | (Month/Day     | /Year)     | Unde   | rlying  | Security    | Securities     | Form of     | Beneficial  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of                                                       |                  | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) |    | Deriv     | ative   |                |            | Secur  | rities  | (Instr. 5)  | Beneficially   | Derivative  | Ownership   |
|             | Derivative                                                     |                  |                    |            |    | Secur     | ities   |                |            | (Instr | . 3 and |             | Owned          | Security:   | (Instr. 4)  |
|             | Security                                                       |                  |                    |            |    | Acqu      | ired    |                |            | 4)     |         |             | Following      | Direct (D)  |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    | (A) o     | r       |                |            |        |         |             | Reported       | or Indirect |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    | Dispo     | osed    |                |            |        |         |             | Transaction(s) | (I)         |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    | of (D     | )       |                |            |        |         |             | (Instr. 4)     | (Instr. 4)  |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    | (Instr    | · · · · |                |            |        |         |             |                |             |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    | 4, and 5) |         |                |            |        |         |             |                |             |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    |           |         |                |            |        | Amount  |             |                |             |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    |           |         | Dete           | E          |        | or      |             |                |             |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    |           |         |                | Expiration | Title  | Number  |             |                |             |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    |            |    |           |         | Exercisable    | Date       |        | of      |             |                |             |             |
|             |                                                                |                  |                    | Code       | V  | (A)       | (D)     |                |            |        | Shares  |             |                |             |             |

# **Reporting Owners**

|                                                                                                 | Relationships |              |                       |       |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                  | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer               | Other |  |  |  |
| DOLL ROBERT C JR<br>MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.<br>4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10080 |               |              | Senior Vice President |       |  |  |  |

# Signatures

 Robert C. Doll (by Michael A. LaMaina, as agent)
 02/03/2004

 \_\*Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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#### **Remarks:**

All reported positions have been rounded down to the nearest whole number.

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