FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)													
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NEWBIGGING DAVID K				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC [MER]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) FRIENDS PROVIDENT PLC, 15 OLD BAILEY				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2005						Office	r (give title belo	ow)	Other (specify	below)	
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	T	able I -	Non-	-Der	ivative S	Securitie	s Acqu	ired, Disp	osed of, or I	Beneficially	Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)				(Instr. 8)		(A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			of (D)	Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)			Ownership of Form:	Beneficial	
			(Month/Day/Year)	Cod	le	V	Amoun	(A) or t (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 a	and 4)			Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock			04/22/2005		F			64		\$ 53.33	10,628			D	
Common Stock		04/22/2005(1)		A			3,469	A	\$ 0	14,170 (2)		D			
Common Stock										11,191			I	Trust (3)	
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				Code V	(A) (Date Exer		Expiration Date	on Titl	Amount or e Number of Shares				

Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NEWBIGGING DAVID K FRIENDS PROVIDENT PLC 15 OLD BAILEY LONDON, X0 EC4M 7EF	X					

Signatures

David K. Newbigging (by Michael A. LaMaina, as agent)

04/26/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- These Deferred Stock Units were granted on April 22, 2005 pursuant to the Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Deferred Stock Unit Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Plan").
- (1) Deferred Stock Units are payable in Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Common Stock upon the earlier of the fifth Annual Meeting of Stockholders following the date of their grant or the director's End of Service Date, as defined in the Plan. Transactions under the Plan are exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- This total reflects the reinvestment of dividend equivalents into Deferred Units and Deferred Stock Units pursuant to the terms of the Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Deferred Stock Unit and Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, as amended. These transactions are exempt from reporting under the provisions of Rule 16a-3 and/or 16a-11.
- (3) These shares are held in a discretionary trust in which the reporting person is a permissible beneficiary.

Remarks:

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

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