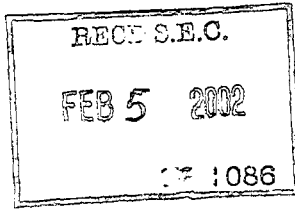




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Dear Ms. Stroud:

This is to certify that the American Stock Exchange, (the "Exchange") received from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the Registrant) a copy of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A for the registration of the following security:

6% Callable Stock Return Income Debt Securities "STRIDES"
(payable at maturity with Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.
common stock) due February, 2004

We further certify that the above security has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration, upon official notice of issuance, and understand that the 8A will be immediately effective upon your receipt of same, in accordance with SEC Rule 3a12-11.

Sincerely,

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