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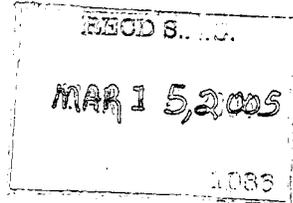


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Mr. Brian Johnson  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., Depositary Shares (Each representing a 1/1200<sup>th</sup> Interest in a Share of Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 2) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 15, 2005. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

*Paras Madho*

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