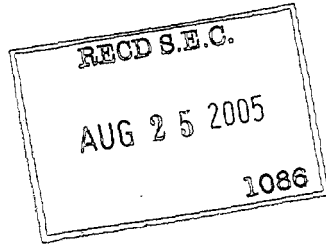


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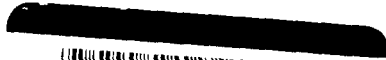


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Dear Ms. Stroud:

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:

***Zero Coupon Convertible Securities
Exchangeable into Pharmaceutical HOLDRs
Due 2010***

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 this letter.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Mikaliunas