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Ms. Velma Smith, Branch Chief Branch of Filer Support 2, Mailstop 1-4 Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room #1004 Washington, D.C. 20549

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Re:

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.—Original Listing

Dear Ms. Smith:

Please be advised that NYSE Regulation, Inc. has received (on December 3, 2008) an application from the above-referenced issuer and has approved the following security for listing on NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange"):

> Strategic Accelerated Redemption Securities Linked to the S&P 500 Index due December 1, 2010

The Exchange requests acceleration of registration of this security under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. If there are any questions, please call me at (312) 442-7832. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Manager, Listing Compliance

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