

# FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>ONEAL E STANLEY</b>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>MERRILL LYNCH &amp; CO INC [MER]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Chairman of the Board &amp; CEO</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>MERRILL LYNCH &amp; CO., INC., 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER</b>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/24/2005</b>			
(Street) <b>NEW YORK, NY 10080</b>		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)		<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>			

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/15/2004		G	V	21,741	D	\$ 0	478,265	D	
Common Stock	01/24/2005		A		551,057 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0	1,040,310 <u>(2) (3)</u>	D	
Common Stock								31,364	I	Trust
Common Stock								9,600	I	Trust
Common Stock								30,631	I	Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Code	V	(A)	(D)									

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ONEAL E STANLEY MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10080	X		Chairman of the Board & CEO	

## Signatures

E. Stanley O'Neal (by Michael A. LaMaina, as agent)

01/26/2005

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).

For performance-year 2004, the Board of Directors of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. has determined that these Restricted Shares represent the Reporting Person's entire bonus for the fiscal year. In addition to this bonus, the Reporting Person received a base salary of \$700,000. The number of Restricted Shares awarded to the Reporting Person was

- (1) determined by dividing the dollar amount to be granted as a bonus by \$56.80 (the closing price-per-share of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.'s Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on January 24, 2005, the date of the award). These Restricted Shares were granted under the Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan. The Vesting and Restricted Periods for the Restricted Shares shall begin on January 1, 2005 and shall end on January 31, 2009. Transactions under this plan are exempt under the provisions of Rule 16b-3.
- (2) This total also reflects the acquisition of shares of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Common Stock as a result of dividend reinvestments through various Merrill Lynch plans which is exempt from the reporting requirements under the provisions of Rule 16a-3 and/or Rule 16a-11.
- (3) This total also includes 9,000 shares and 1,900 shares of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Common Stock transferred to the direct beneficial holdings of the reporting person on December 2, 2004. Prior to the transfer, these shares were held in trusts and the reporting person indirectly beneficially owned the shares.

### Remarks:

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

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