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FORM 3 U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Merrill Lynch Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated Amendment, (Last) (First) (Middle) of Original World Financial Center - North Tower (Month/Day/Year) 250 Vesey Street (Street) Individual or Joint /Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) filed by One New York, NY 10281 Reporting Person filed by More (City) (State) (Zip) One Reporting Person	2. Date of Event Re- quiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/02/97 3. IRS or Social Se- curity Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) #13-5674085	4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol The Bibb Company 5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner ____ Officer ____ Other (specify 7. (give title below)* below) ____Form ____x_Form than	6. If Date

TABLE I - NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	2,073,779	*	

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

(Print or Type Responses)

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TABLE II -- DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE
SECURITIES)

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1. Title of Derivative Security Nature of (Instr. 4) Indirect (Instr. 4) Beneficial	2. Date Exer- cisable and Expiration	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conver- sion or Exercise Price of	5. Owner- ship- Form of Deriv-	6.

Ownership (Instr. 5)	Date (Month/Day/ Year)			Deri- vative Security	ative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
	Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Explanation of Responses:

* 2,073,779 shares of Common Stock were acquired by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S"), a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co."), pursuant to an order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, dated September 12, 1996, confirming the Prepackaged Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of The Bibb Company ("Bibb") under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Plan") in satisfaction of certain claims against Bibb, which Plan became effective on September 27, 1996.

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**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

<S>	<C> /s/Richard B. Alsop	<C> June 2, 1997
	Richard B. Alsop Attorney-In-Fact	Date

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
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JOINT FILER INFORMATION

Name: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Address: World Financial Center - North Tower
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281

Designated Filer: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Issuer & Ticker Symbol: The Bibb Company

Date of Event
Requiring Statement: June 2, 1997

Signature: /s/ Richard B. Aslop

Richard B. Alsop*
Attorney-In-Fact

* Signed pursuant to a power of attorney, dated November 17, 1995, included as Exhibit B to the Schedule 13G filed by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. for Walden Residential Properties, Inc. and incorporated herein by reference.

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