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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 11, 2001

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE	1-7182	13-2740599
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4 World Financial Center, New York, New York 10080

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 449-1000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

As a result of the terrorist attack in lower Manhattan, the securities markets and certain of our New York-based businesses have been temporarily disrupted.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Andrea L. Dulberg

Name: Andrea L. Dulberg
Title: Corporate Secretary

September 12, 2001

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