UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(AMENDMENT NO.6)\*

MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC

(NAME OF ISSUER)

Common Stock (TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

590188108

(CUSIP NUMBER)

December 31, 1998

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

X Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be 'filed' for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ('Act') or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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THE EQUITABLE COMPANIES INCORPORATED

<sup>1-</sup> NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON 13-3623351 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 2- CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP \* (A) [ ] (B) [] \_\_\_\_\_ 3- SEC USE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ 4- CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION State of Delaware \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED AS OF December 31, 1998 BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH \_\_\_\_\_ 5- SOLE VOTING POWER 2,588,547 \_\_\_\_\_ ------6- SHARED VOTING POWER 1,188,500 \_\_\_\_\_ 7- SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 4,357,588 \_\_\_\_\_ 8- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 56,727 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 9- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 4,414,315 \_\_\_\_\_ 10- CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES \* |----| |----| \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 11- PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 1.2% \_\_\_\_\_ 12- TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON \* HC \_\_\_\_\_ \* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT! Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Page 8 of 13 Pages \_\_\_\_\_ MERRILL LYNCH & CO INC Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 250 Versey Street New York, NY 10281 Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing: \_\_\_\_\_ AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle, (formerly Alpha Assurances Vie Mutuelle) AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, and AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, as a group (collectively, the 'Mutuelles AXA'). AXA (formerly AXA-UAP) The Equitable Companies Incorporated (the 'Equitable Companies') (Please contact Patrick Meehan at (212) 641-8234 with any questions.) Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office: \_\_\_\_\_ AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle 100-101 Terrasse Boieldieu 92042 Paris La Defense France AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle and

AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle

21, rue de Chateaudun 75009 Paris France

AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle 26, rue Louis le Grand 75002 Paris France

AXA 9 Place Vendome 75001 Paris France

The Equitable Companies Incorporated 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10104

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- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: ------Common Stock
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number: ------590188108
- Item 3. Type of Reporting Person: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Equitable Companies as a parent holding company, in accordance with 240.13d-1 (b)(ii)(G).

The Mutuelles AXA, as a group, acting as a parent holding company.

AXA as a parent holding company.

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Item 4. Ownership as of December 31, 1998: -----(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: -----4,426,815 shares of common stock beneficially owned including: <CAPTION> No. of Shares \_\_\_\_\_ <S> <C> <C> The Mutuelles AXA, as a group 0 AXA 0 AXA Entity or Entities: National Mutual Funds Management (Australia) 9,100 Sun Life & Provincial Holdings PLC (U.K.) 1,000 AXA Colonia Konzern AG (Germany) 2,400 Common Stock acquired solely for investment purposes. (Each of the Mutuelles AXA, as a group, and AXA expressly declares that the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that it is, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G).  $\langle S \rangle$ <C> <C> The Equitable Companies Incorporated 0 Subsidiaries: Alliance Capital Management L.P. acquired solely for investment purposes on behalf of client discretionary investment advisory accounts: 4,269,228 4,269,228 Common Stock \_\_\_\_\_ Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation held for investment purposes: Common Stock 68,127 68,127 \_\_\_\_\_ The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States acquired solely for investment purposes:

Common Stock			68 000	68,000
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advisory accounts: Common Stock			8,960	8,960
Total				4,426,815
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(b) Percent of Cla			=:	1.2%

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AXA Entity or Entities:								
National Mutual Funds Mgmt. (Australia)	a) 9,100	0	9,100	0				
Sun Life & Provinc Holdings PLC (U.	K.) 1,000	0	1,000	0				
AXA Colonia Konzer (Germany)	2,400	0	2,400	0				
The Equitable Companies Incorporated	0	0	0	0				
Subsidiaries:								
Alliance Capital Management L.P.	2,528,947	1,168,700	4,269,228	0				
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The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States				
	49,600	18,400	68,000	0
Wood, Struthers & Winthrop Management Corporation				
	0	1,400	8,960	0
TOTAL	2,601,047	1,188,500	4,370,088	56,727 =======

(Each of the above subsidiaries of the Equitable Companies operates under independent management and makes independent voting and investment decisions).

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If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. ( X) Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on behalf of Another Person.  $\ensuremath{\,\mathrm{N/A}}$ \_\_\_\_\_ Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired \_\_\_\_\_ the Security Being Reporting on by the Parent Holding Company: \_\_\_\_\_ This Schedule 13G is being filed by Equitable Companies; AXA, which beneficially owns a majority interest in Equitable Companies; and the Mutuelles AXA, which as a group control AXA: in the Mutuelles AXAs' capacity, as a group, acting as a parent (X) holding company with respect to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities; in AXA's capacity as a parent holding company with respect (X) to the holdings of the following AXA entity or entities: National Mutual Funds Management (Australia) Sun Life & Provincial Holdings PLC (U.K.) AXA Colonia Konzern AG (Germany) (X) in EQUITABLE COMPANIES capacity as a parent holding company with respect to the holdings of its following subsidiaries: Alliance Capital Management L.P. (X) (13-3434400), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. (X) Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation (13-2741729), a broker-dealer registered under Section 15 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States (X) (13-5570651), an insurance company, a broker-dealer registered under Section 15 of the Securities and Exchange Actof 1934 and an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Wood, Struthers & Winthrop Management Corporation (X) (13-2774791), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Page 13 of 13 Pages Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group. N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

#### Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

# Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 10, 1999 THE EQUITABLE COMPANIES INCORPORATED\*

## /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel

### Alvin H. Fenichel Senior Vice President and Controller

\*Pursuant to the Joint Filing Agreement with respect to Schedule 13G attached hereto as Exhibit I, among The Equitable Companies Incorporated, AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle, AXA Assurances I.A.R.D Mutuelle, AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle, AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, and AXA, this statement Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of them.

EXHIBIT I

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

Each of the undersigned hereby agrees that the Schedule 13G filed herewith is filed jointly, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended on behalf of each of them.

Dated: February 10, 1999

The Equitable Companies Incorporated

BY: /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel Alvin H. Fenichel Senior Vice President and Controller

AXA Assurances I.A.R.D. Mutuelle; AXA Assurances Vie Mutuelle; AXA Conseil Vie Assurance Mutuelle; AXA Courtage Assurance Mutuelle, as a group, and AXA

Signed on behalf of each of the above entities

BY: /s/ Alvin H. Fenichel Alvin H. Fenichel Attorney-in-Fact (Executed pursuant to Powers of Attorney)