PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (TO PROSPECTUS DATED JULY 7, 1997) (TO PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED JULY 7, 1997)

PROSPECTUS NUMBER: 1601 DATED: OCTOBER 22, 1997

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES B DUE NINE MONTHS OR MORE FROM DATE OF ISSUE FIXED RATE NOTES

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Fixed BASE RATE:

INDEX MATURITY: N/A

TRADE DATE: October 22, 1997

SETTLEMENT DATE: October 27, 1997

October 27, 1999 MATURITY DATE:

REDEMPTION DATE: N/A

OPTIONAL REPAYMENT DATES: N/A

SPREAD: N/A

SPREAD MULTIPLIER: N/A

MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE: N/A

MINIMUM INTEREST RATE: N/A

INTEREST RESET DATES: N/A

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES: May 15th, November 15th and Maturity, subject to Following Business Day Convention.

INITIAL INTEREST RATE: 6.22500%

FORM: Book-entry

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