(To Prospectus Supplement and Prospectus dated

September 25, 2002)

Trustee:

Underwriters: Inc. and

Pricing Supplement Number: 2281

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Medium-Term Notes, Series B Due Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

Floating Rate Notes

JPMorgan Chase Bank

<TABLE> <S> Principal Amount: \$300,000,000 Original Issue Date: January 22, 2003 CUSIP Number: 59018YPX3 Stated Maturity Date: January 21, 2005 100.00% Issue Price: Interest Calculation: Day Count Convention: _ _____ ______ [x] Actual/360
[] 30/360
[] Actual/Actual Inverse Floating Rate Note
[(Fixed Into: $[\quad {\tt x} \quad] \qquad {\tt Regular \ Floating \ Rate \ Note}$ Interest Rate Basis: [x] LIBOR [] CMT Ra] Commercial Paper Rate] Eleventh District Cost of Funds] CMT Rate Rate] Prime Rate 1 CD Rate [] Federal Funds Rate] Other (see attached)] Treasury Rate Designated CMT Page: Designated LIBOR Page: CMT Moneyline Telerate Page: LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page: 3750 LIBOR Reuters Page: </TABLE> <TABLE> <C> Index Maturity: Three Months Minimum Interest Rate: Not Applicable Spread: + 0.30% Maximum Interest Rate: Not Applicable Initial Interest Rate: Calculated as if the Original Issue Spread Multiplier: Not Applicable Date was an Interest Reset Date Quarterly, on the 21st of January, April, July and October, commencing on Interest Reset Dates: April 21, 2003, subject to modified following Business Day convention. Quarterly, on the 21st of January, April, July and October, commencing on Interest Payment Dates: April 21, 2003, subject to modified following Business Day convention. Repayment at the Option of the Holder: The Notes cannot be repaid prior to the Stated Maturity Date. Redemption at the Option of the Company: The Notes cannot be redeemed prior to the Stated Maturity Date. The Notes are being issued in fully registered book-entry form.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S"), HSBC Securities (USA)

ABN AMRO Incorporated (the "Underwriters"), are acting as principals in this

transaction.

Lynch & Co., Inc.

Underwriters and

principal amount of

MLPF&S is acting as the Lead Underwriter.

Pursuant to an agreement, dated January 16, 2003 (the "Agreement"), between Merrill

(the "Company") and the Underwriters, the Company has agreed to sell to each of the

each of the Underwriters has severally and not jointly agreed to purchase the

Notes set forth opposite its name below:

Underwriters Principal Amount of the Notes

\$294,000,000

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated

HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. \$3,000,000
ABN AMRO Incorporated \$3,000,000

Total \$300,000,000

Pursuant to the Agreement, the obligations of the Underwriters are subject to certain

the Underwriters are committed to take and pay for all of the Notes, if any are taken.

The Underwriters have advised the Company that they propose initially to offer all or

Notes directly to the public at the issue price listed above. After the initial public

the issue price may be changed.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities,

liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

January 16, 2003

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Dated: </TABLE>