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): January 28, 2002

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)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Stan O'Neal, president and chief operating officer of Merrill Lynch, is scheduled to deliver a presentation at Salomon Smith Barney's Financial Services Conference on Thursday, January 31 at 9:00 am (EST). Mr. O'Neal will discuss Merrill Lynch's platform for growth.

Mr. O'Neal's presentation will be available via a live audio webcast at Merrill Lynch's Investor Relations website, www.ir.ml.com. An on-demand webcast replay of the presentation should be available at www.ir.ml.com shortly thereafter.

Merrill Lynch may make or publish forward-looking statements about management expectations, strategic objectives, business prospects, anticipated financial performance and other similar matters. A variety of factors, many of which are beyond Merrill Lynch's control, could cause actual results and experience to differ materially from the expectations expressed in these statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, financial market volatility, actions and initiatives by current and potential competitors, the effect of current and future legislation or regulation, and additional factors described in Merrill Lynch's Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent reports on Form 8-K and Form 10-Q, which are available at the SEC's website, www.sec.gov. Merrill Lynch undertakes no responsibility to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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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.

By: /s/ Andrea L. Dulberg Andrea L. Dulberg Corporate Secretary

Date: January 28, 2002

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