Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 95 Greene Street Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

March 13, 2002

[LOGO] MERRILL LYNCH

OFICS Filer Support SEC Operations Center 6432 General Green Way

Alexandria, Virginia 22312-2413

Attention: 1933 Act Filing Desk

Re: Registration Statement No. 333-97937

With reference to the above captioned Registration Statement and in compliance with Rule 424(b)(3) adopted under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, we enclose herewith for filing, one copy, marked as required, one Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement dated December 11, 2002 relating to Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Medium-Term Notes to be used on and after this date. In addition, please reference that this note is not listed on any exchange.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Mark Youngclaus

Mark Youngclaus Vice President

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Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Statement No. 333-97937 \$5,547,200,000

December 18, 2002 Merrill Lynch Core Notes Due Nine (To prospectus dated September 25, 2002 and prospectus supplement dated

September 25, 2002)

Months or More from Date of Issue

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Filed under Rule 424 (b) (3), Registration

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Pricing Supplement No. 10026 - dated

- ------Price to Purchasing Interest Rate Interest Payment Stated Maturity CUSTP Aggregate Survivor's Public(1) Agent's Discount(1) Per Annum Principal Amount Number Frequency Option _____

\$2,509,000 100.0% 1.0000% 5901M0BU2 3.75% Monthly 12/24/2007

Trade Date: Wednesday December 18 2002

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Merrill Lynch & Co.

Purchasing Agent

4 World Financial Center Acting as Principal

New York, NY 10080

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.[LOGO] Issue Date: Monday December 23, 2002

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Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000

Original Issue Discount: No

All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only

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Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 5132

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount.

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