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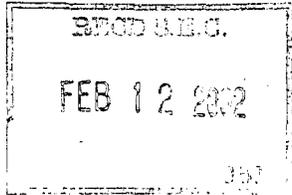


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Dear Ms. Stroud:

This is to certify that the American Stock Exchange,
 (the "Exchange") received from Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
 (the Registrant) a copy of the Company's Registration
 Statement on Form 8-A for the registration of the following
 security:

*% Callable Stock Return Income DEbt Securities "STRIDES"
(payable at maturity with Applied Materials, Inc.
common stock) due February, 2004

We further certify that the above security has been
 approved by the Exchange for listing and registration, upon
 official notice of issuance, and understand that the 8A will
 be immediately effective upon your receipt of same, in
 accordance with SEC Rule 3a12-11.

Sincerely,