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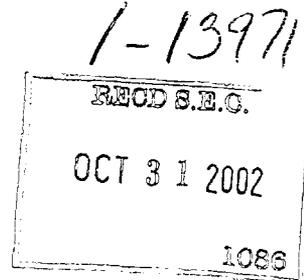
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, MERRILL LYNCH DEPOSITOR, INC., PreferredPLUS Class A 6.05% Trust Certificates Series GEC-1 (the "Certificates") and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 31, 2002. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

*Carol Eladio*