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August 13, 2002

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Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549-0609

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Re: Merck & Co., Inc. - Statements Under Oath of Principal  
Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer

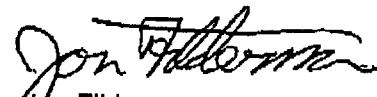
Dear Mr. Katz:

In accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's June 27, 2002 Order requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (File No. 4-460), enclosed is a sworn statement from each of Raymond V. Gilmartin, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Judy C. Lewent, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer), of Merck & Co., Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the sworn statements by stamping and returning the enclosed copies to the waiting messenger.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (908)423-3853.

Very truly yours,

  
Jon Filderman  
Counsel, Corporate Staff

Enclosures  
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**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS**

I, Raymond V. Gilmartin, state and attest that:

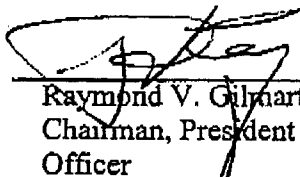
(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Merck & Co., Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

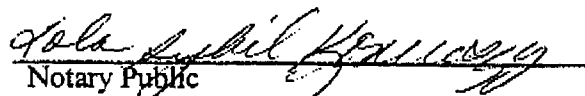
(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2002 of Merck & Co., Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Merck & Co., Inc., filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
 Raymond V. Gilmartin  
 Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August 2002.

  
 Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: February 3, 2003

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Notary Public of New Jersey  
Commission Expires Feb. 3, 2003