

MERRILL LYNCH LIFE VARIABLE ANNUITY SEPARATE ACCOUNT C
Form NSAR-U
February 28, 2003

FORM N-SAR
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
FOR REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Report for six month period ending: / / (a)
or fiscal year ending: 12/31/02 (b)

Is this a transition report? (Y/N) N

Is this an amendment to a previous filing? (Y/N) N

Those items or sub-items with a box "[/]" after the item number should be completed only if the answer has changed from the previous filing on this form.

1. A. Registrant Name: Merrill Lynch Life Variable Annuity Separate Account C

B. File Number: 811 - 10585

C. Telephone Number: (609) 274-6900

2. A. Street: 1300 Merrill Lynch Drive, 2nd Floor

B. City: Pennington C. State: NJ D. Zip Code: 08534 Zip Ext:

E. Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:

3. Is this the first filing on this form by Registrant? (Y/N) Y

4. Is this the last filing on this form by Registrant? (Y/N) N

5. Is Registrant a small business investment company (SBIC)? (Y/N) N

[If answer is "Y" (Yes), complete only items 89 through 110.]

6. Is Registrant a unit investment trust (UIT)? (Y/N) Y

[If answer is "Y" (Yes) complete only items 111 through 132.]

7. A. Is Registrant a series or multiple portfolio company? (Y/N)
[If answer is "N" (No), go to item 8.] -----

B. How many separate series or portfolios did Registrant have at the end of the period?

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UNIT INVESTMENT TRUSTS

111. A. [] Depositor Name: Merrill Lynch Life Insurance Co.

B. [] File Number (If any):

C. [] City: Pennington State: NJ Zip Code: 08534 Zip Ext.:

[] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:

111. A. [] Depositor Name:

B. [] File Number (If any):

C. [] City: State: Zip Code: Zip Ext.:

[] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:

112. A. [] Sponsor Name: Merrill Lynch Life Insurance Co.

B. [] File Number (If any):

C. [] City: Pennington State: NJ Zip Code: 08534 Zip Ext.:

[] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:

112. A. [] Sponsor Name:

B. [] File Number (If any):

C. [] City: State: Zip Code: Zip Ext.:

[] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:

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113. A. [] Trustee Name: -----

B. [] City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Zip Ext.: _____

[] Foreign Country: _____ Foreign Postal Code: _____

113. A. [] Trustee Name: -----

B. [] City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Zip Ext.: _____

[] Foreign Country: _____ Foreign Postal Code: _____

114. A. [] Principal Underwriter Name: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

B. [] File Number 8- 7221

C. [] City: New York State: NY Zip Code: 10080 Zip Ext.: _____

[] Foreign Country: _____ Foreign Postal Code: _____

114. A. [] Principal Underwriter Name: -----

B. [] File Number 8-

C. [] City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Zip Ext.: _____

[] Foreign Country: _____ Foreign Postal Code: _____

115. A. [] Independent Public Accountant Name: Deloitte & Touche LLP

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B. [/] City: New York State: NY Zip Code: 10281 Zip Ext.: 1414

[/] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:

115. A. [/] Independent Public Accountant Name: -----

B. [/] City: State: Zip Code: Zip Ext.:

[/] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:

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116. Family of investment companies information:

A. [/] Is Registrant part of a family of investment companies?
 (Y/N) Y

 Y/N

B. [/] Identify the family in 10 letters: MERRILLSAS
 (Note: In filing this form, use this identification consistently for all investment companies in family. This designation is for purposes of this form only.)

117. A. [/] Is Registrant a separate account of an insurance company?
 (Y/N) Y

 Y/N

If answer is "Y" (Yes), are any of the following types of contracts funded by the Registrant?

B. [/] Variable annuity contracts? (Y/N) ----- Y
 Y/N

C. [/] Scheduled premium variable life contracts? (Y/N) ----- N
 Y/N

D. [/] Flexible premium variable life contracts? (Y/N) ----- N

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125. [/] State the total dollar amount of sales loads collected (before reallowances to other brokers or dealers) by Registrant's principal underwriter and any underwriter which is an affiliated person of the principal underwriter during the current period solely from the sale of units of all series of Registrant (\$000's omitted) _____

\$ 654

126. Of the amount shown in item 125, state the total dollar amount of sales loads collected from secondary market operations in Registrant's units (include the sales loads, if any, collected on units of a prior series placed in the portfolio of a subsequent series.) (\$000's omitted) _____

\$ 0

127. List opposite the appropriate description below the number of series whose portfolios are invested primarily (based upon a percentage of NAV) in each type of security shown, the aggregate total assets at market value as of a date at or near the end of the current period of each such group of series and the total income distributions made by each such group of series during the current period (excluding distributions of realized gains, if any):

	Number of Series Investing	Total Assets (\$000's omitted)	Total Income Distribution (\$000's omitted)
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A. U.S. Treasury direct issue	-----	\$ -----	\$ -----
B. U.S. Government agency	-----	\$ -----	\$ -----
C. State and municipal tax-free	-----	\$ -----	\$ -----
D. Public utility debt	-----	\$ -----	\$ -----
E. Brokers or dealers debt or debt of brokers' or dealers' parent	-----	\$ -----	\$ -----
F. All other corporate intermed. & long-term debt	-----	\$ -----	\$ -----
G. All other corporate short-term debt	-----	\$ -----	\$ -----

H. Equity securities of brokers or dealers or parents of brokers or dealers	-----	-----	\$		\$	-----	-----
I. Investment company equity securities	-----	-----	\$		\$	-----	-----
J. All other equity securities	-----	1	\$	65,358	\$	-----	-----
K. Other securities	-----	1	\$		\$	-----	-----
L. Total assets of all series of registrant	---	1	\$	65,358	\$	-----	-----

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128. [/] Is the timely payment of principal and interest on any of the portfolio securities held by any of Registrant's series at the end of the current period insured or guaranteed by an entity other than the issuer? (Y/N) _____ N

[If answer is "N" (No), go to item 131.] Y/N

129. [/] Is the issuer of any instrument covered in item 128 delinquent or in default as to payment of principal or interest at the end of the current period? (Y/N) _____

[If answer is "N" (No), go to item 131.] Y/N

130. [/] In computations of NAV or offering price per unit, is any part of the value attributed to instruments identified in item 129 derived from insurance or guarantees? (Y/N) _____ Y/N

131. Total expenses incurred by all series of Registrant during the current reporting period (\$000's omitted) _____ \$ 274

132. [/] List the "811" (Investment Company Act of 1940) registration

number for all Series of Registrant that are being included in this filing:

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This report is signed on behalf of the Registrant, Merrill Lynch Life Variable Annuity Separate Account C, in the Borough of Pennington, State of New Jersey. Date: February 27, 2003.

Merrill Lynch Life Insurance Company

By: /s/ MATTHEW J. RIDER

Witness: /s/ EDWARD W. DIFFIN, JR.

Matthew J. Rider
Chief Financial Officer

Edward W. Diffin, Jr.
Vice President and
Senior Counsel