

MERRILL LYNCH LIFE VARIABLE ANNUITY SEPARATE ACCOUNT C

Form N-8A

November 16, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM N-8A

NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(a) OF THE  
INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

The undersigned investment company hereby notifies the Securities and Exchange Commission that it registers under and pursuant to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and in connection with such notification of registration submits the following information:

Name: Merrill Lynch Life Variable Annuity Separate Account C

Address of Principal Business Offices (No. & Street, City, State, Zip Code):

7 Roszel Road  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Telephone Number (including area code): (609) 627-3700

Name and address of agent for service of process:

Stephen E. Roth, Esq.  
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP  
1275 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20004-2415

Check Appropriate Box:

Registrant is filing a Registration Statement pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 concurrently with the filing of Form N-8A: Yes [X] No [ ]

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has caused this notification of registration to be duly signed on its behalf of the Township of Princeton and State of New Jersey on the 15th day of November, 2001.

Signature: Merrill Lynch Life Variable Annuity Separate Account C

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(Name of Registrant)

By: /s/ Barry G. Skolnick

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Name: Barry G. Skolnick  
Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel,  
Merrill Lynch Life Insurance Company

Attest: /s/ Edward W. Diffin, Jr.

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