

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  
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Is this an amendment to a previous filing? (Y/N) N  
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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  
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4. Is this the last filing on this form by Registrant? (Y/N) N  
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5. Is Registrant a small business investment company (SBIC)? (Y/N) N  
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 [If answer is "Y" (Yes), complete only items 89 through 110.]

6. Is Registrant a unit investment trust (UIT)? (Y/N) Y  
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 [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.  
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B. [ ] File Number (If any):  
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C. [ ] City: Pennington State: NJ Zip Code: 08534 Zip Ext.:  
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[ ] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:  
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111. A. [ ] Depositor Name:  
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B. [ ] File Number (If any):  
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C. [ ] City: State: Zip Code: Zip Ext.:  
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[ ] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:  
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112. A. [ ] Sponsor Name: Merrill Lynch Life Insurance Co.  
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B. [ ] File Number (If any):  
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C. [ ] City: Pennington State: NJ Zip Code: 08534 Zip Ext.:  
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[ ] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:  
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112. A. [ ] Sponsor Name:  
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B. [ ] File Number (If any):  
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C. [ ] City: State: Zip Code: Zip Ext.:  
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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  
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B. [ ] File Number 8- 7221  
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C. [ ] City: New York State: NY Zip Code: 10080 Zip Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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[ ] Foreign Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

B. [ ] File Number 8-  
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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  
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[ / ] Foreign Country: Foreign Postal Code:  
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115. A. [ / ] Independent Public Accountant Name: -----

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

E. [ ] Other types of insurance products registered under the Securities Act of 1933? (Y/N) ----- N  
Y/N

118. [ ] State the number of series existing at the end of the period that had securities registered under the Securities Act of 1933 \_\_\_\_\_ 1\_\_\_\_

119. [ ] State the number of new series for which registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933 became effective during the period \_\_\_\_\_ 1\_\_\_\_

120. [ ] State the total value of the portfolio securities on the date of deposit for the new series included in item 119 (\$000's omitted) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 0\_\_\_\_

121. [ ] State the number of series for which a current prospectus was in existence at the end of the period \_\_\_\_\_ 1\_\_\_\_

122. [ ] State the number of existing series for which additional units were registered under the Securities Act of 1933 during the current period \_\_\_\_\_ 1\_\_\_\_

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123. [ ] State the total value of the additional units considered in answering item 122 (\$000's omitted) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 65,656  
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124. [ ] State the total value of units of prior series that were placed in the portfolios of subsequent series during the current period (the value of these units is to be measured on the date they were placed in the subsequent series) (\$000's omitted) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ 0  
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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  
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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  
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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  
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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.

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Matthew J. Rider  
Chief Financial Officer

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