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**Plaintiffs Give Up in Suit Challenging Special Committee Recommendation
to Terminate Derivative Proceeding**

In our August 2007 memo, we reported that Judge Thomas Platt of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York had upheld the recommendation of a special board committee and the decision of the Board of Directors of Merrill Lynch Focus Twenty Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation, that dismissal of claims arising out of the Fund's purchases of stock of Enron Corporation from February through July, 2001, was in the best interests of the Fund.

We are happy to report that the plaintiffs failed to note an appeal within the required time and thus Judge Platt's ruling has become final. We advised the Special Committee in its investigation and our firm represented the Committee members in the litigation.

As always, we are available to respond to any questions or comments that you may have.

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