SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1 AND 13d-2

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC

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| | (Title of | Class of Sec | urities) | | | |
| 589378108 | | | | | | |
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| | PORTING PERSON(S) R.S. IDENTIFICATIO | N NO. OF ABO | /E PERSON(S) | | | |
| Morgan Sta IRS # 39 | anley Dean Witte -314-5972 | r & Co. | | | | |
| | APPROPRIATE BOX IF | | (a (b | () [] () [] | | |
| 3. SEC USE ONI | _ T | | | | | |
| | P OR PLACE OF ORGA | NIZATION | | | | |
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| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY | 5. SOLE VOTING | | | | | |
| OWNED BY EACH | 6. SHARED VOTING 1,143,156 | | | | | |
| REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7. SOLE DISPOSI | TIVE POWER | | | | |
| | 8. SHARED DISPO | | - | | | |

| | | 1,145,759 |
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| - | 9. | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON |
| _ | | 1,145,759 |
| _ | 10. | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* |
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| - | 11. | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) |
| | | 5.2157% |
| - | 12. | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* |
| | | IA, CO |
| _ | | *SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT! |

| Item 1. | (a) | Name of Issuer: MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS INC | |
|---------|-----|---|--|
| | (b) | Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 199 RIVERNECK RD CHELMSFORD, MA 01824 | |
| Item 2. | (a) | Name of Person Filing: Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. | |
| | (b) | Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence: 1585 Broadway New York, New York 10036 | |
| | (c) | Citizenship: Incorporated by reference to Item 4 of the cover page pertaining to each reporting person. | |
| | (d) | Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock | |
| | (e) | CUSIP Number: 589378108 | |
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Item 3. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. is a parent holding company.

Item 4. Ownership.

Incorporated by reference to Items (5) - (9) and (11) of the cover page.

- (a) Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. is filing solely in its capacity as the parent company of, and indirect beneficial owner of securities held by, one of its business units.
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Inapplicable

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Accounts managed on a discretionary basis by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. are known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from, the sale of such securities. No such account holds more than 5 percent of the class.

See item 4 (a)

- Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.
- Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.
- Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.
- Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Signature.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 31, 2002

Signature: /s/ Dennine Bullard

Name/Title Dennine Bullard /Vice President Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated

MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER & CO.

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EXHIBIT 1 Secretary's Certificate Authorizing Dennine Bullard 8 to Sign on behalf of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.

* Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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EX-99.b SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE EXHIBIT 1

MORGAN STANLEY, DEAN WITTER, DISCOVER & CO.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Charlene R. Herzer, a duly elected and Assistant Secretary of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), certify that Stuart J.M. Breslow, Robert G. Koppenol and Dennine Bullard are authorized to sign reports to be filed under Sections 13 and 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") pursuant to the following:

- (1) On May 31, 1997, the Board of Directors of the Corporation granted authority to Stuart J.M. Breslow and Robert G. Koppenol to sign reports to be filed under Sections 13 and 16 of the Act on behalf of the Corporation.
- On February 23, 2000, Donald G. Kempf, Jr., the Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of the Corporation, delegated authority to Dennine Bullard to sign reports to be filed under Sections 13 and 16 of the Act on behalf of the Corporation. Pursuant to Section 7.01 of the Bylaws of the Corporation and resolutions approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation on September 25, 1998, the Chief Legal Officer is authorized to enter into agreements and other instruments on behalf of the Corporation and may delegate such powers to others under his jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of the Corporation as of the 1st day of March, 2000.

Charles B. Harrar

Charlene R. Herzer Assistant Secretary