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Dear Mr Lyle,

I have your letter of November 5th. If proportions only of the ingredients are the subject of experimentation, i.e., if total quantity is a matter of indifference, then I think that nil quantity is a legitimate subject for experimentation. This, I take it, cannot be so with a ration in which total quantity ingested must always be of importance. With these, in fact, one usually tests the result of substituting either of equal dry weight or sometimes of equal content of some chosen nutrient.

Yours sincerely,