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Dr. J. C. Woodruff,  
Director, Microbiological Research,  
Merck & Co., Inc.  
Rahway, N.J.

Dear Dr. Woodruff,

My thanks to Merck, and yourself, for your generous gift of vitamins as requested. I hope my request for 1 gm. of desthiobiotin (dl-Desthioallobiotin) did not seem exorbitant; I was under the impression that it was more available than biotin itself.

A shipment of five items arrived concurrently with your letter; I trust that 100 mg. Biotin and 100 mg. ...thiazole were sent separately and have simply not yet arrived.

Yours sincerely,

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Asst. Professor of Genetics