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Dear Mr. Moss,

Thank you for your letter of January 23rd which was difficult reading because of my bad eyes. And I am not sure whether your second name is Moss.

It is pure accident if I never said that imagination plays an important role in science. If I have not said so, it is merely due to my failure to take such terms as "imagination" and "intuition" (and the distinction between them) seriously. But I should be inclined to say, pace Mr. Moss, that scientists are often working imaginatively like poets. I am an anti-essentialist, and as such I am not given to ask whether the identification described by you is or is not a case of imagination. The counterexample to $f = G \frac{M_1 M_2}{r^2}$ is very good. Many thanks. The answer is implicit in Principia, Book I, Section XII., Prop. LXX.

Newton's

Yours sincerely

Karl Popper

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