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Dear all,

It seems the reference implementation of LAEM does not handle messages with empty PlainText.

It is visible in the submitted KAT, where messages with empty PT generate empty tags at output.

**Ex: laemsimon128v1**

Count = 1

Key = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F

Nonce = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F

PT =

AD =

CT =

Count = 2

Key = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F

Nonce = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F

PT =

AD = 00

CT =

Count = 3

Key = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F

Nonce = 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F

PT =

AD = 0001

CT =

Best regards,

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