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Dear Sir,

We have been asked to find the name of the discoverer of Nukulaelae atoll in the Ellice Group, and as an extensive search among our records has not brought anything to light, Mr. Taylor has suggested that I write to you to enquire whether you have any information about the atoll.

Nukulaelae is not mentioned in A.G. Findlay's "A directory for the navigation of the South Pacific Ocean," 1863, but in 1866, if we accept Louis Becke's date, it was known to the Peruvian labour raiders. The atoll appears on an Admiralty map of 1887 as the Mitchell Group and I have tried unsuccessfully to follow up the origin of this name.

I should be most grateful if you are able to help us with this enquiry, but please do not go to any trouble over it, as I shall write to the Admiralty and to the U.S. Hydrographic Department if necessary.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret H. Broadhead

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