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PHOTO 142. Rapid beach scarp retreat, barrier island erosion along Colombia's Pacific coast. Photograph A is the old coconut plantation house, village of El Choncho, near the southern boundary of the Choco Department (San Juan River delta), August 24, 1988. Photograph B is the same building on July 29, 1989. According to villagers, much of this 10 to 15 meters of retreat in the area occurred during spring high tides, particularly the perigeon spring tide of April, 1989. Estimated retreat rate during these few days was one meter for each high tide. (William J. Neal, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, and Juan Luis Gonzalez, INGEOMINAS, Cali, Colombia, South America)