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PHOTO 117. Portions of the foundation of the building in the foreground were exposed on the Cancun, Mexico shoreline during Hurricane Gilbert in September, 1988. Most of the windows are gone due to a combination of wind and wave action. A bulldozer can be seen moving sand laterally (in itself a form of beach erosion) to widen the beach in front of the building and to cover the exposed foundation. Clearly, damage to both beach and building could have been reduced by original emplacement of the building behind the swimming pool and other recreational facilities. (Photo: David M. Bush, E. Robert Thieler, and Orrin H. Pilkey, Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, Department of Geology, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708).