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In statements to reporters on Dec. 13, Central Bank president Pedro Tinoco said $4 billion in flight capital had returned to Venezuela in 1990. Last year, the government implemented policies liberalizing interest rates to encourage domestic savings. According to official statistics, since 1983 about $60 billion flowed into foreign banks and investments. In the same year, the government devalued the bolivar from 4.5 to 7.5 per US dollar, in response to declining oil export income and foreign reserves. At present, the exchange rate is 50 bolivars per US dollar, and domestic interest rates average 21% per annum. Foreign reserves as of December 1990 totaled $10 billion. GDP growth for the year was estimated at 5%. (Basic data from EFE, 12/13/90)

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