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### **Central Library to Screen Documentary Film, “The Fall of Fujimori” on July 9**

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library and the San Diego Latino Film Festival will screen the documentary film “The Fall of Fujimori” on July 9. This screening takes place at 2 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St., in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public. This film was an official selection of the 2005 Sundance Film Festival.

The extraordinary tale of fugitive former Peruvian president Alberto Fujimori took a strange twist in November 2005 when he arrived unexpectedly in Chile. Wanted on 21 Peruvian and Interpol warrants for corruption, murder and human rights abuses, Fujimori had remained free courtesy of the Japanese government, which had welcomed him as a prodigal son in 2000 and subsequently blocked his extradition. Then, almost five years to the day after he fled Peru for Japan and faxed his resignation from the presidency—a getaway seen by many Peruvians as both shameless and traitorous—Fujimori appeared in Chile on a tourist visa, vowing to return to Peru to run for president in April 2006. He was, instead, promptly arrested, and is now fighting extradition. Peru’s National Election Board formally rejected his bid on Jan. 10, 2006.

Fujimori’s appearance in Chile was shocking to some of the Peruvian public and the world’s political observers; some saw it as a ploy for attention prior to the upcoming election. The “Fall of Fujimori,” a remarkable new film by Ellen Perry, goes a long way toward explaining why he returned to South America. Including candid interviews with the elusive Fujimori, filmed in Japan before his return to South America, the film demonstrates once again how much stranger truth is than fiction—especially in the minds of history’s players. With a methodical recounting of Fujimori’s turbulent rise and fall, including never-before-seen footage from his regime, the film provides a cautionary tale about the uncertain hazards of populist politics amid terrorism, Third-World poverty, civil conflict, and authoritarian government in the name of democracy.

For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

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Since 1988, P.O.V. has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America’s most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today’s most pressing social issues. The “Fall of Fujimori” is scheduled to debut on national public television on July 18.