Suggested Items To Answer in Letter of Explanation For B to F Change of Status

The Form I-539 does not ask all the questions that an immigration officer normally needs answered. In order to review your application for an F-1 student’s status, carefully answer the following questions listed in this form in a letter.

Name_________________________________________ Date________________________

1. Why didn’t you enter the U.S. with an F-1 student status? When was the last time you entered the U.S.? What visa were you holding?

2. What have you been doing since you entered the U.S.? List things you have done.

3. Did you speak with the U.S. consul in your country or with a CBP officer in the U.S. about your plans for your education? (Dependents who entered with a spouse or parent(s), skip this question)

4. After you have completed your education in the U.S., where do you intend to live?

5. How will your studies at the ELI or at the College of Staten Island/CUNY help you academically or professionally in the future? (If you need more space, please attach another page to this page)

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