Preface

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This is Part II of SS2012, a special series of issues of the *Journal of Low Temperature Physics* devoted to recent progress in the area of solid helium. Part II of this series serves to bring together a number of additional current-status manuscripts and summaries of work on solid helium by many of the individual groups that have contributed to the rapidly evolving understanding of solid helium. Part I of was published in August of 2012 as *J. Low Temp. Phys.* 168, 99–250 (2012).

Our intention was to complete the publication of the series, including our overview to serve as a comprehensive guide to the literature, with this second issue of the *Journal of Low Temperature Physics*. But, for several reasons including the desire that our overview include a brief summary of progress to be reported at the QFS2012 meeting, it has been decided that we will incorporate our overview and a few additional manuscripts in a sub-section of a forthcoming regular-article issue of the *Journal of Low Temperature Physics*. We anticipate that this will take place in the spring of 2013.

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